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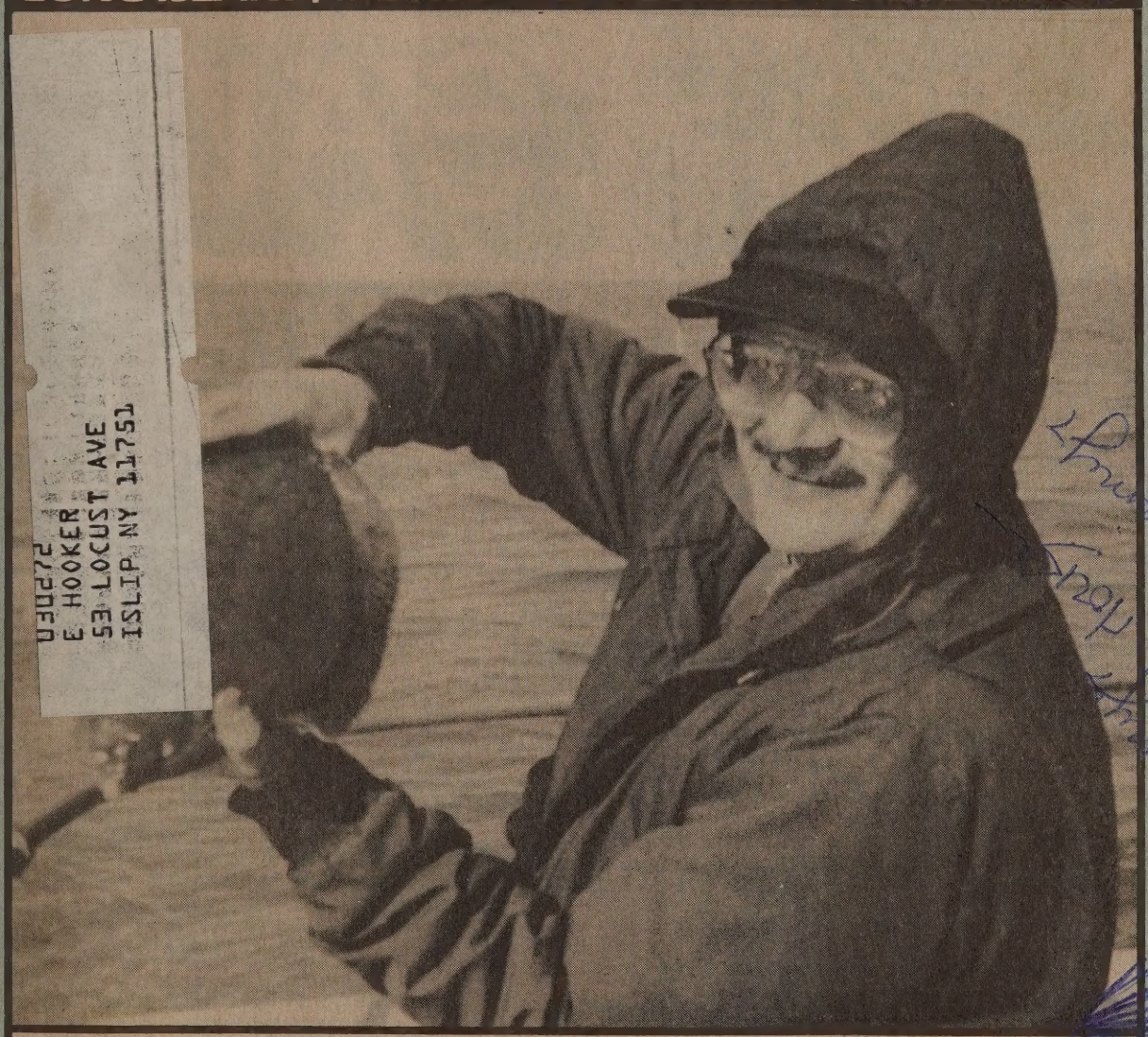

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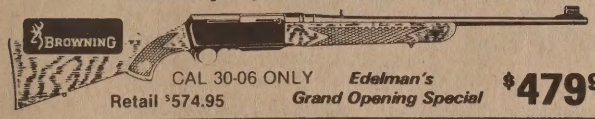

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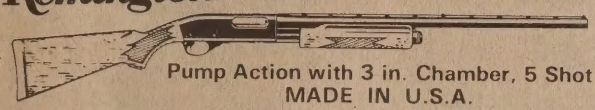

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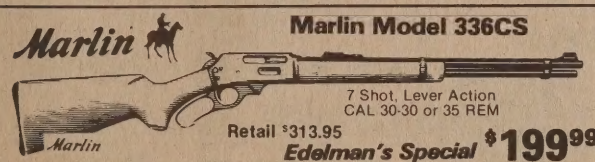

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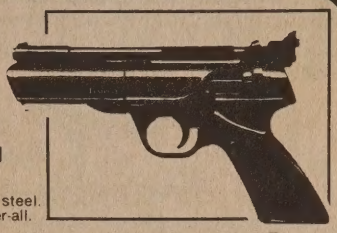

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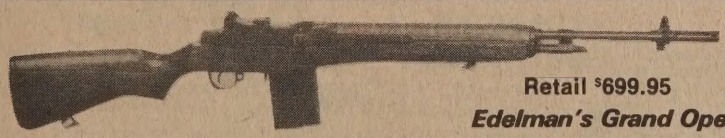

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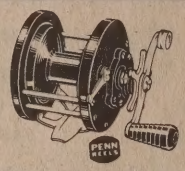

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Not usually known for snowshoe size flounder, Great South Bay did yield this very impressive 4 pound 6 ounce flattie for George Villanueva back on March 7. The fish was decked aboard the Captree open boat, Capt. Dan and should provide some inspiration for the hundreds of anglers set to compete in this weekend's Captree Flounder Derby. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time. See page 35 for details.

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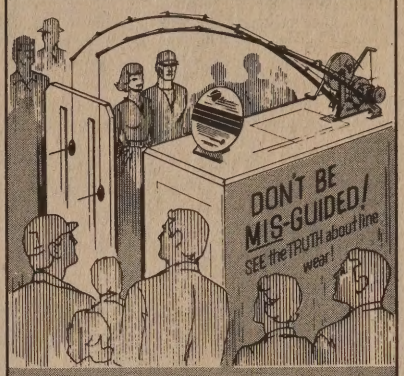

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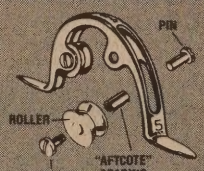

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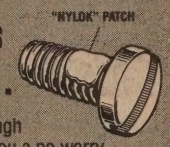

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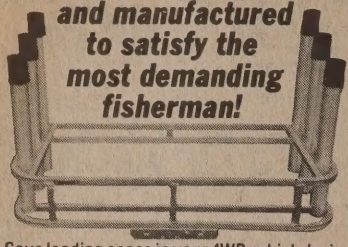

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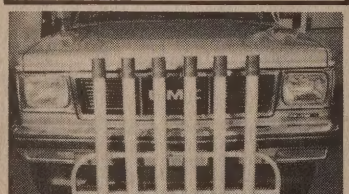

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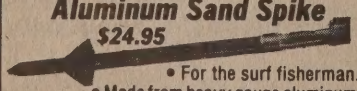

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In addition to these prizes, all fishermen who returned an HRF tag to the Foundation received rewards for the amount printed on their tag, either $5 or $10 per tag. The returns were derived from a tagging program designed to learn more about the population biology of Hudson River striped bass. Most of the tags returned this past year were from the approximately 18,500 stripers tagged during winter 1985-86, although a few were from the original 736 fish tagged in 1984.

Many more tagged striped bass will be available in 1987. In addition to those remaining from the two previous tagging efforts, as of March 6, over 5,700 additional striped bass have been tagged in the lower Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers in an effort that began in December 1986 and should continue through May 1987. This year, fishermen should also be on the lookout for tagged striped bass from the new Emergency Striped Bass Committee's Coastwide Striped Bass Tagging Program and from the ongoing tagging program of the American Littoral Society. Details on this year's HRF program will be announced this spring and a summary of the 1986 results published later in the year.

The Hudson River Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which funds research on matters of environmental, ecological and public health concerns to the Hudson River and its tributaries.

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3. Size, weight, species and short description of how the fish was (were) caught must accompany color photo. Please specify whether fish caught is fresh or saltwater fish.

4. Photograph must be accompanied by a signed note or letter of a marine, fishing tackle or sporting goods dealer verifying size, weight and species of fish caught.

5. All photographs will be the property of the Inflatable Boat Association and individual members will have the right to use any of the photos in their advertising or catalogs. Members will also have the right to reprint any of the specifications or story details on how the fish was caught.

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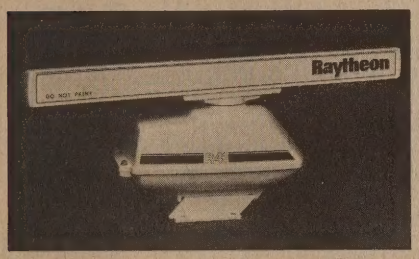

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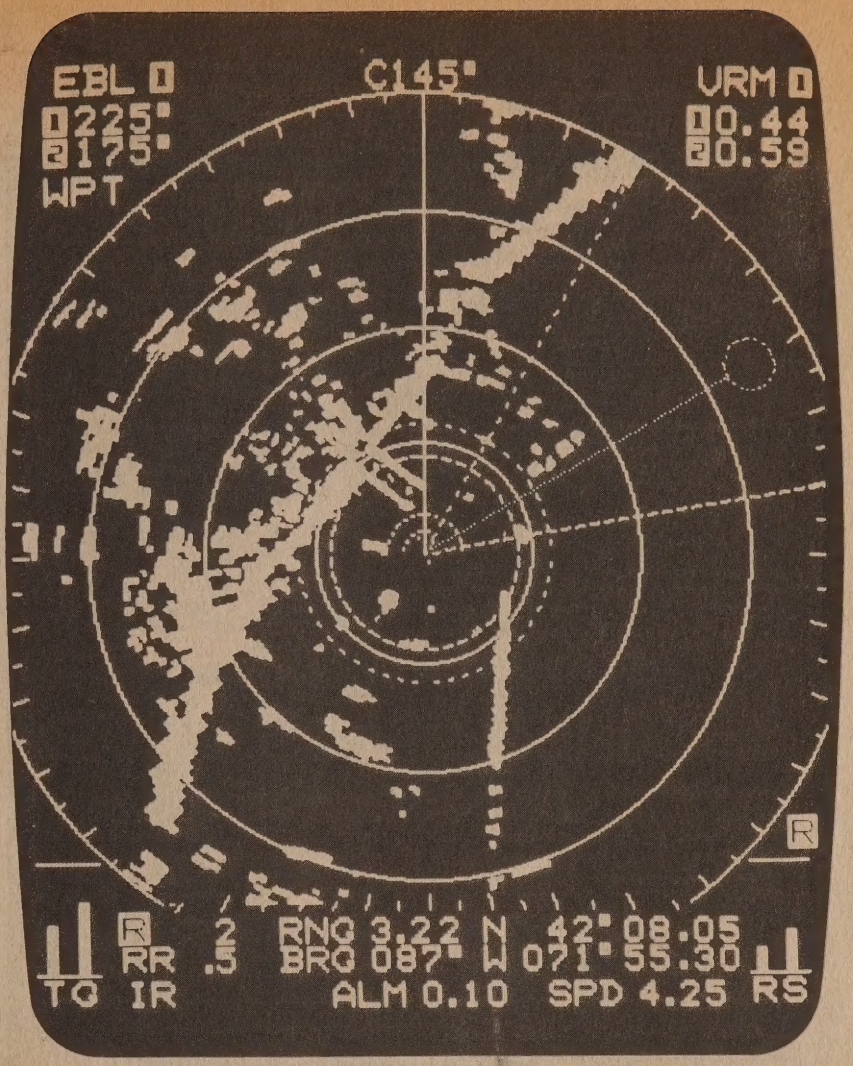

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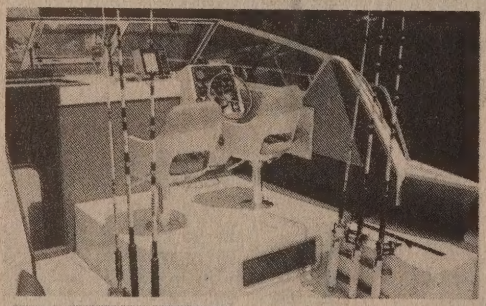

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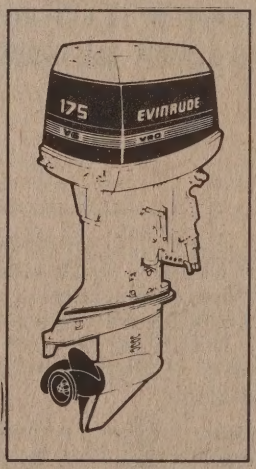

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Great Gun Anglers will be holding their 11th Annual Shark Tournament on Saturday, June 27th. The entry fee is $125 and prizes are 50, 30 and 20 percent less operating expenses.

Further information can be obtained from Great Gun Anglers, P.O. Box 39, East Moriches, NY 11940; (516) 874-3938 or B&B Tackel, Main Street, Center Moriches, NY; (516) 878-9280.

NORTH BROOKHAVEN SPORT FISHERMEN'S CLUB

The North Brookhaven Sport Fishermen's April meeting is open to all fishermen. Come and meet Al Feathers, the manufacturer of Al Feather Lures.

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FULTON LIONS SPONSOR EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO BASS MASTERS TOURNEY

The Fulton Lions Club will co-sponsor an Eastern Lake Ontario Bass Torunament, in cooperation with the Port City Bassmasters and New York State B.A.S.S. Federation, from July 24 through July 26.

The three-day bass fishing event—to be known as the "1987 Cast for Sight Bass Tourney"—is expected to draw hundreds of bass fishermen from throughout the state and northeastern U.S.

The committee has secured major sponsorship from the Miller Brewing Company in Fulton, which operates New York State's largest brewery here and is seeking category sponsors as well.

According to co-chairmen Jerry Ware, past president of the Fulton Lions in charge of the tourney, and Michael Licciardelo, representative of the Port City Bass Masters, a cash grand prize of a minimum of $7,000 (based on 200 entries) will be awarded to the fisherman entrant winning first place with the heaviest three-day total catch of smallmouth and largemouth bass.

They explained that the top prize could grow, with solid participation in the tournament and other prizes will also be awarded. The entry fee for fishermen is $100 and all proceeds will go to benefit the Fulton Lions Club program for the visually and hearing impaired in the area.

The official dates for the tournament are July 24, 25 and 26, with July 23 designated as a practice day.

Ware and Licciardello said that complete rules and regulations for the tournament are being developed, will be published, and will be available to

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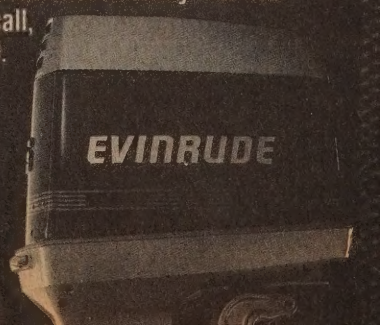

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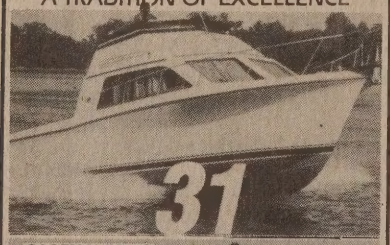

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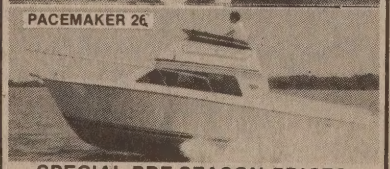
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"We are looking for this tournament to develop into a terrific three-day event this year and in years to come," said co-chairman Ware.

"Bass fishermen will have the opportunity to catch some of the best largemouth and smallmouth bass available anywhere in the northeast and, at the same time, they are helping us to fulfill our pledge to help the visually and hearing impaired.

"Our area of Eastern Lake Ontario has come to be known nationally and worldwide for our lake trout and salmon fishing, and this has tended to overshadow our excellent bass fishing. It's here, however, and it's great fishing, and we intend to help publicize it with this tourney."

Anglers can register for the tournament by writing to Gerald J. Ware. R.D. #4, Fulton, NY 13069 or by calling (315) 598-7326.

SHINNECOCK MARLIN AND TUNA CLUB BILLFISH/TUNA TOURNAMENT

The Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club is sponsoring their 26th Annual Billfish/Tuna Tournament beginning on July 11th, and running through July 18th. Headquartered at Pell's Marina in Hampton Bays, anglers may choose any three days in which to do their fishing. This annual event draws over 250 anglers and 50+ boats from all over the area.

In a move to conserve the species involved in this tournament, as well as all other Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club activities, the club's Board of Directors approved the following minimum weights on all fish weighed-in to be eligible for prizes: blue marlin, 250 lbs.; white marlin, 45 lbs.; swordfish, 150 lbs.; albacore, 30 lbs.; bigeye tuna, 150 lbs.; bluefin tuna, 115 lbs. and yellowfin tuna, 45 lbs.

In addition to the beautiful trophies awarded for the three largest billfish and the three largest tuna, the club also awards trophies for tagging and the release of fish during this tournament. Fishing tackle and boating equipment comprise more of the many awards given out in this prestigious tournament.

Entries will be accepted right up to the time of the Captains' Meeting at 8PM on July 10th at Pell's Marina. Since slip space is limited, available slips are on a first come, first served basis.

The Tournament Awards Dinner on Saturday, July 18th is held at the Tiana Shores Association Clubhouse in Hampton Bays located on scenic Tiana Bay. Attendance is optional for tournament participants, but considering the great food (lobster, chicken, scallops, clams, shrimp, crabs, etc.) the cost of only $30 per person for the dinner always means a sell-out way in advance.

Entry fee is $125 per boat, no additional angler fees. Applications and more information can be obtained by contacting: Jim Stolze, SMTC, P.O. Box. Hampton Bays, NY 11946, (516) 728-2020. All interested anglers are urged to sign up as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

CONNECTICUT RIVER SITE OF FIRST BASSING AMERICA TOURNAMENT

Quality Inn in Cromwell, Connecticut will be the headquarters for the first tournament in the northeast region of Bassing America's Grand National Tournament Circuit. The event will be held on April 12th on the Connecticut River in Middletown, Connecticut. Entry fee is $50 plus an annual $20 membership fee.

The 1986 Grand National Angler of the Year and Rookie of the Year both came out of the northeast region. Ted Pawelek of Little Falls, New York was crowned Angler of the Year after finishing first in the national point standings. Mark Brett of East Hartford, Connecticut won the Rookie of the Year title for finishing 14th in the country, the highest point-holding rookie angler.

In addition, the northeast region had more championship qualifiers in 1986 than any of Bassing America's seven other divisions. The top northeasat region finishers at the championship were: 5th place, Dick Gorski, Depew, NY; 7th place, Ted Pawelek, Little Falls, NY; 9th place, Wayne Schaefer, Middlesex, NJ; 12th place, Don Murray, Monticello, NY; 18th place, Mal Baxter, Plattsburgh, NY; 20th place, Glen Van Alstyne, Stuyvesant Falls, NY; 43rd place, Leo Stock, Henryville, PA; 48th place, Sonny Pease, Buffalo, NY; 53rd place, Mark Brett, East Hartford, CT; 58th place, John Rambo, Norristown, PA; 69th place, Alvin Ross, Lansing, NY; 61st place, Dave Vigue, East Hartford, CT and 69th place, Jerry Sparks, Springfield, MA.

The Grand National Tournament Circuit is made up of eight regions from the northeast to Oklahoma. This year, Bassing America will invite the top 10 point holders from each region to its no-entry fee National Championship. They will also invite the top 70 national point holders, without duplication, to fill the 150 person field. Both in 1985 and 1986 the tournament circuit paid back over 200 percent to its members.

The northeas region schedule is: May 24, Connecticut River, Quality Inn, Cromwell, CT; June 7, Connecticut River, Ramada Inn, Chicopee, MA; June 21 Lake George (an extra tournament in conjunction with NY BASS Federation—special off limits apply), Hague Inn, Hague, NY; June 28, Lake Champlain, American International Inn, Ticonderoga, NY; July 5, Hudson River, Hudson, NY; August 15 and 16, double point, 1000 Islands, Martin's Motel, Cape Vincent, NY; and August 29 and 30 regional final, Hudson River, Friar Tuck Inn, Catskill, NY.

Don McKee of Port Henry, NY has returned to run the northeast region tournaments. Don was assistant northest tournament director in 1985, but because of other commitments,

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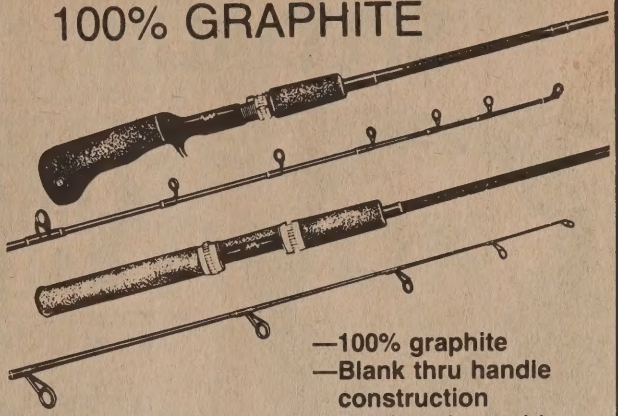

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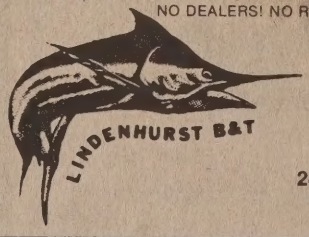

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Bassing America tournaments are draw events and boaters and non-boaters are welcomed. The Grand National Tournament Circuit is sponsored by MotorGuide trolling motors, Yamaha outboards, Ranger boats and Ranger Trail trailer, Stren and Prime fishing line, Lowrance and Eagle electronics and Abu Garcia reels. For more information about the tournament circuit contact Don McKee or call or write Bassing America, Grand National Tournament Circuit, 4660 Sunbelt Drive, Dallas, TX 75248; (214) 380-2656.

CLEAN UP WANTAGH LAKES DAY

On Saturday, April 25th, a major clean-up project is planned at the Wantagh Lakes. The clean-up, which will begin at 9AM, will concentrate on improving the area around Forest Lake, the Upper Seaman Pond and Wantagh Creek. According to Dave Romeo, the event's promoter, the Wantagh Lakes are receiving very heavy fishing pressure from local anglers. "It is the obligation of all who use the waters for recreational purposes to preserve the beauty of the area and the quality of the sport fishing for future generations to enjoy."

In a 20-page report on fishing productivity Romeo points out that there is great cause for concern regarding the largemouth bass fishing the Wantagh Lakes. "In 1982 Wantagh Creek, Upper Seaman Pond and Fores Lake placed first, second and third out of 18 Long Island bodies of freshwater surveyed. In 1986, the Upper Seaman Pond, Forest Lake and Wantagh Creek finished 29th, 31st and 32nd respectively out of 32 lakes surveyed."

In order to learn more about the largemouth bass population in the Wantagh Lakes, the Town of Hempstead will be asking anglers to keep diary entries to record their fishing productivity. Jim Browne, senior biologist for the Department of Conservation and Waterways, will be on hand from Noon until 1PM to hand out fishing diaries to all interested volunteers and to explain what information should be recorded. At the end of the year, the diaries will be collected and analyzed.

Parking is available at Forest Lake School which is located just north of Forest Lake on Beltagh Avenue.

Adults are encouraged to bring along youngsters so they may witness the cooperative efforts of all clean-up participants. All individuals or organizations interested in taking part in the Wantagh Lakes clean-up are asked to call Dave Romeo at (516) 483-5706 between the hours of 6PM and 10PM.

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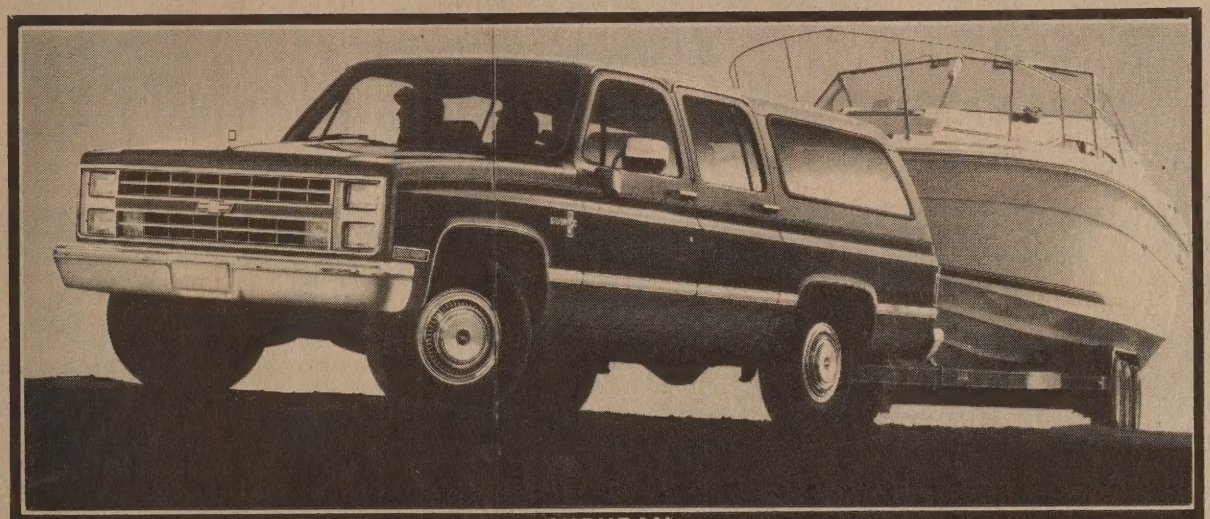

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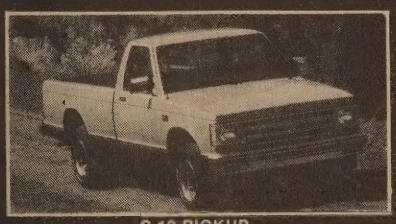

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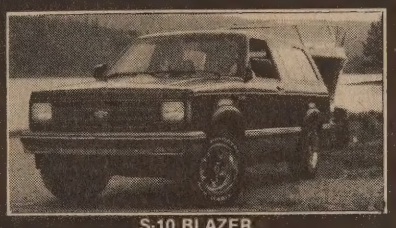

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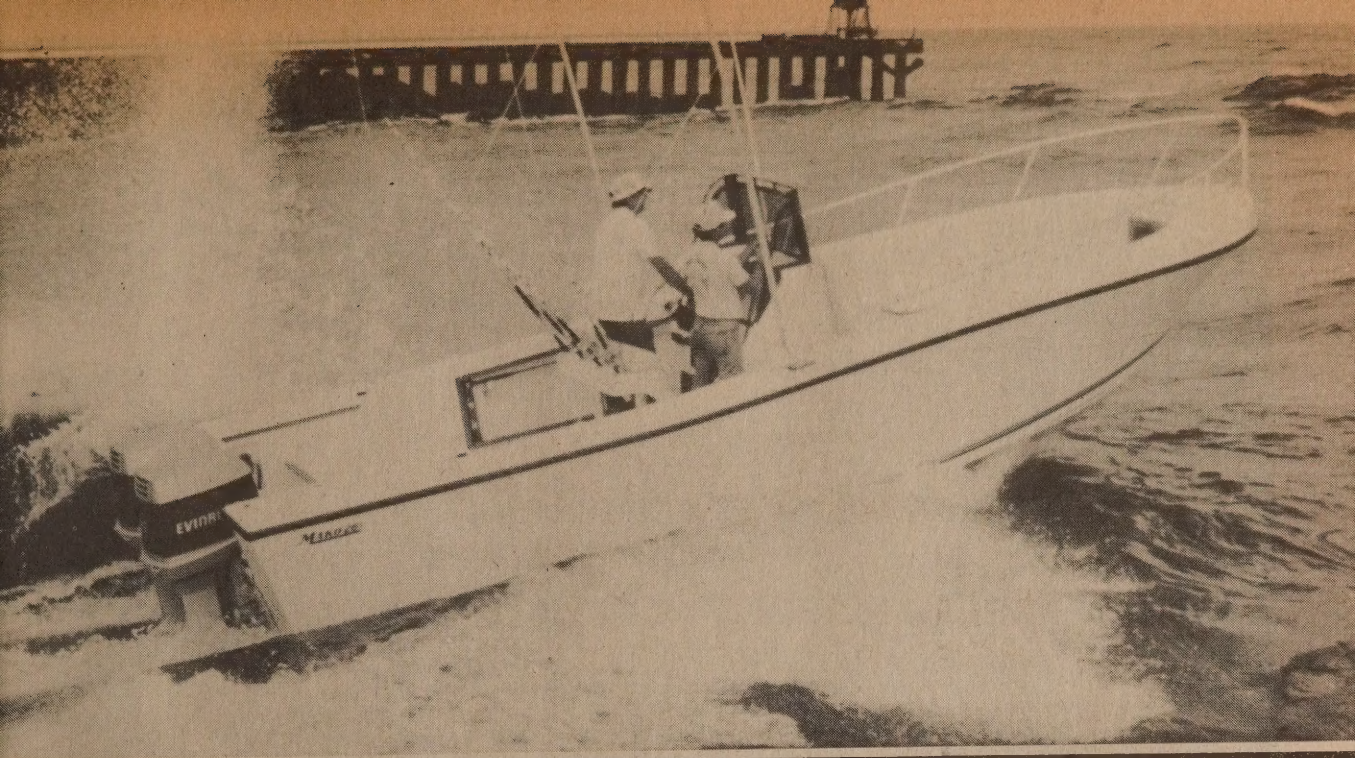

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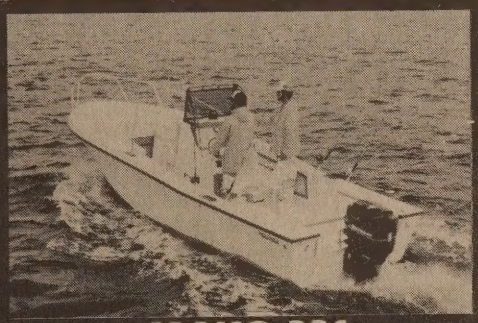
The same principle is true with the 261 and 231 large, deep fish boxes. They too are removable. Not only do you simply carry your catch to the cleaning table, but you expose batteries, washdown system and oil reserve. Easy access. A riggers dream. The console also opens up for full storage and again to aid the rigging of controls and electronics. You'll find rod lockers, all types of storage, big, deep, rounded live wells and everything else you have come to expect from Mako. The 261 is 26'4" with a 8'6" beam. 200 gallon fuel tank. Rated for 400 H.P. The 231 is 23'2" with an 8' beam. 160 gallon fuel tank and rated for 250 H.P. As in all Makos, they're foam-filled and self-bailing. All transom options are available. See these new models, plus the new 21C at your Mako dealer.



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For further information, contact Stormy Seas, Inc., P.O. Box 1570, Poulsbo, WA 98370; (206) 779-4439, (800) 327-7327.

NORBROOK RETHINKS THE TACKLE BOX

Norbrook, Incorporated, a newcomer to the fishing tackle industry, has introduced a new concept in fishing tackle boxes. In truth, it's not a box at all. The products are made of soft materials that allow the lures to be rolled into a compact shape for convenient storage. In use, unrolled, the lures are visible in clear plastic pockets. The company currently manufactures four roll-up units. One for plastic worms called a Worm Wallet; one for crankbaits called a "Crank Case"; a "Spinner Sack" for spinner baits and a 'Pig Pocket" for jigs and pork rind baits. The "Soft Tackle" bags are stored in a carrying bag and fished as a tackle organizing method called the "Norbrook Tackle Management System."

According to Norman Browning, President, "Now the fisherman can store and carry tackle and accessories in color coded roll-up units that fit into a waterproof bag." This unique organizational system allows retrieval of a desired bait category instantly. The tackle bag conforms to its contents. Unlike rigid tackle boxes the Soft Tackle concept requires minimum space while traveling or in use. "You can carry an equivalent to 4 to 5 tackle boxes in the system's carrying bag over your shoulder, leaving your hands free to carry rods or other gear. It's a natural," Browning explained.

When unrolled for use, the flat shape of the units hug the deck of the boat keeping the walkways safe and free of clutter. The system design compels a degree of tackle organization not found with conventional tackle storage methods. It organizes all types of artificial baits for fast at a glance accessibility—noiselessly. The roll-up offers multi-level compartments yet good lure visibility. The products are constructed from coated nylon and heavy transparent plastic materials with hook and loop closures on the compartment flaps and on the outsides to keep the contents securely fastened and compactly stored.

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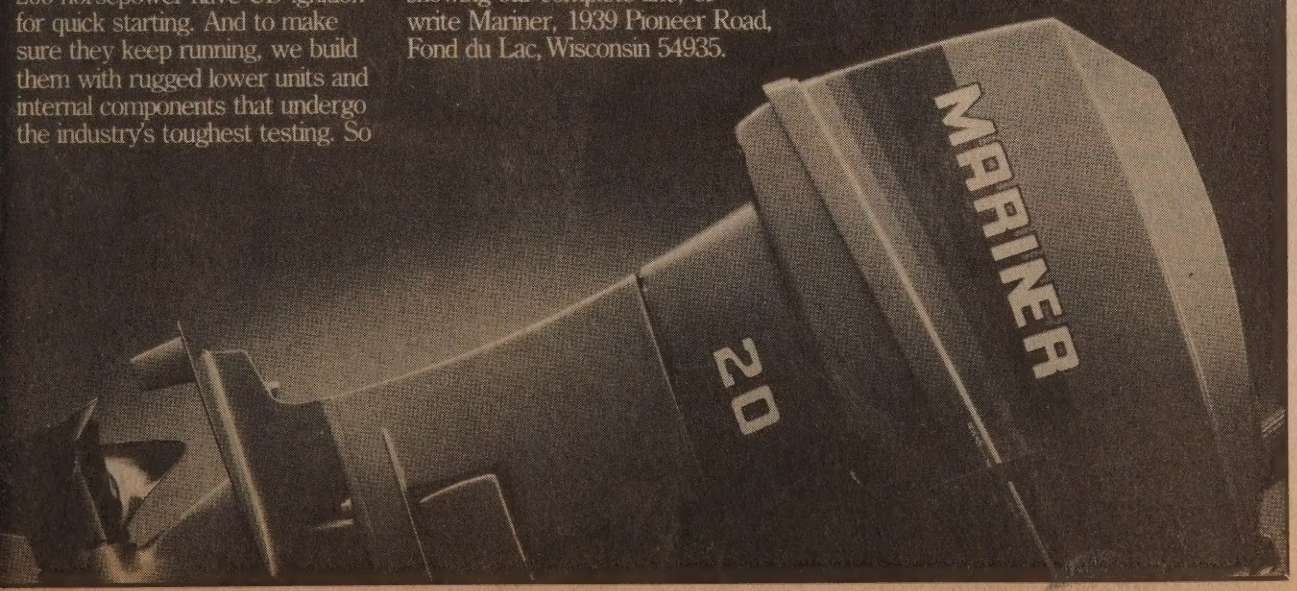

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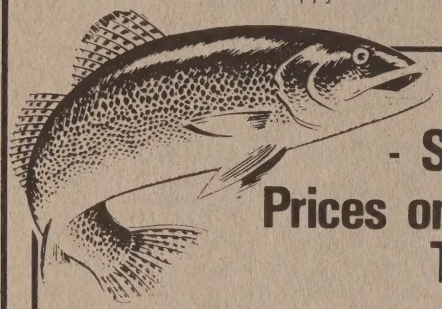

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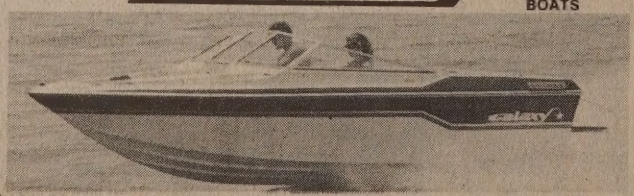

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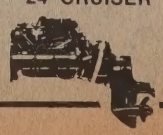

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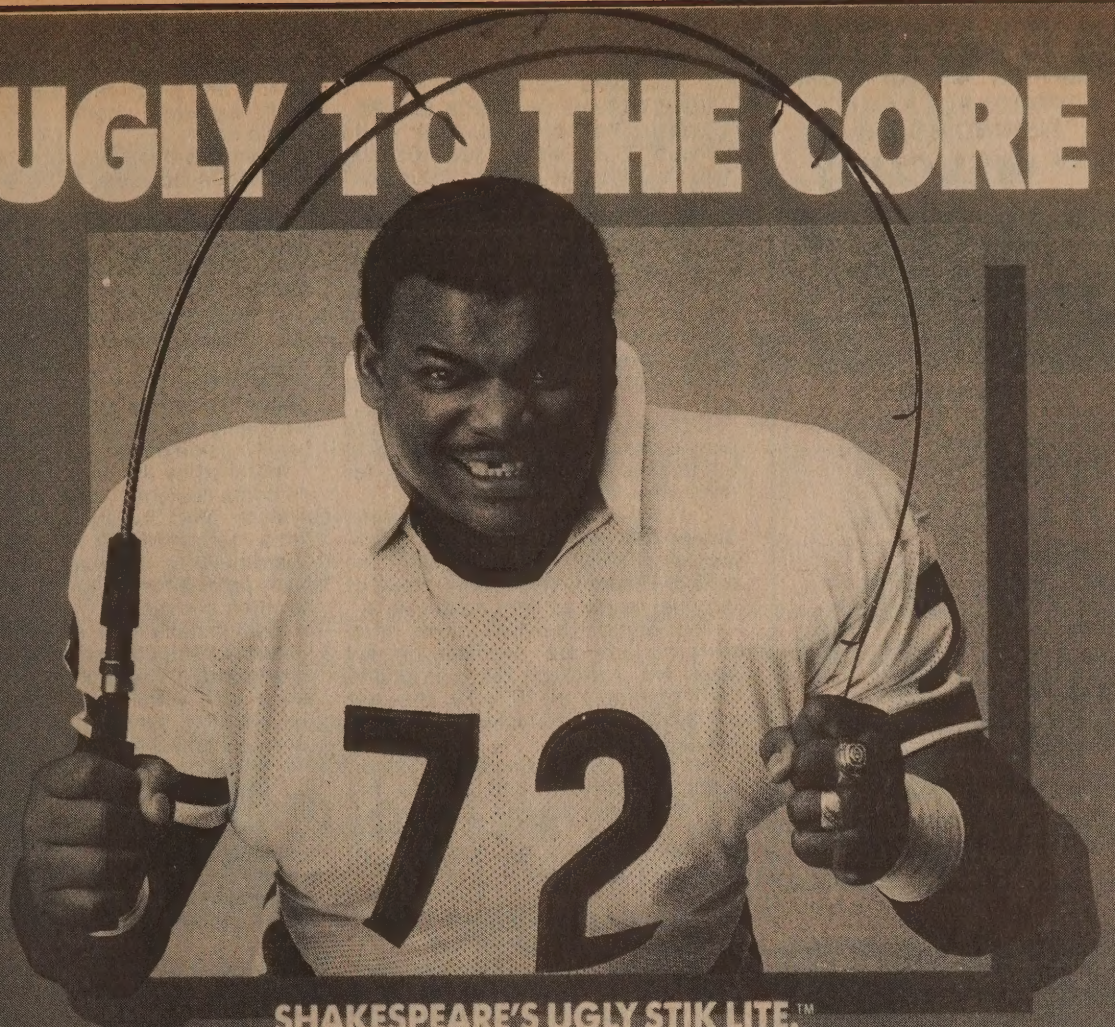

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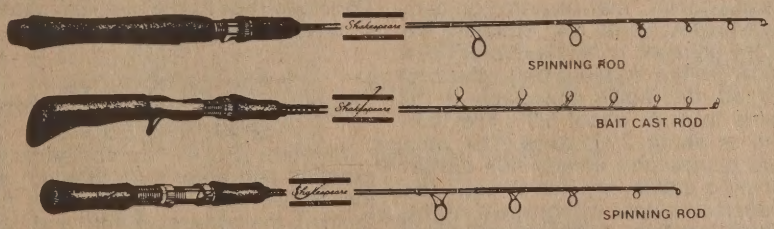

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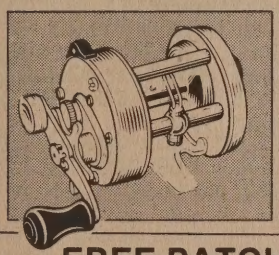

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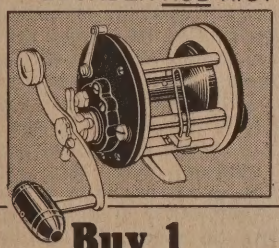

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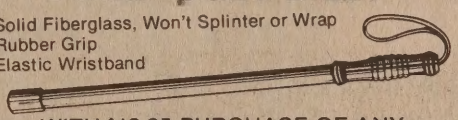

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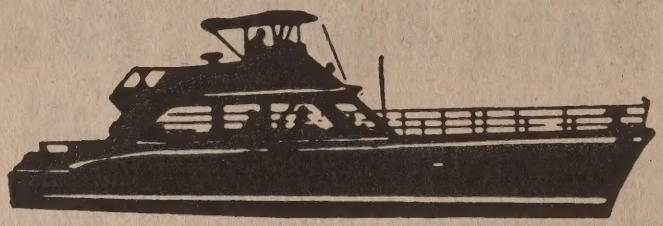

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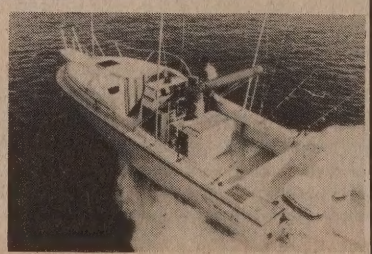

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The T-480's bright 6" CRT display screen sharply defines bottom contours to a depth of 480 feet. Four well defined shades of grey provide easy separation and visual recognition of individual fish, bait fish, bottom contours and dropoffs.

An outstanding feature of the Telescan 480 is Automatic Mapping. This mode slows the sweep speed down to show an actual picture of bottom contours.

The T-480 has a selection of five depth ranges: 0-30', 0-60', 0-120', 0-240' and 0-480' displayed in easy to read numbers on the left side of the screen. The range scales are shown as dash lines dividing the screen into depth zones which can be removed for a clutter-free visual display. A digital depth readout of the actual water depth is constantly displayed at the bottom of the screen.

The unit also features a zoom control. The zoom enlarges either the top or bottom half of the display to cover the entire screen. For example, in the 0-60' range, the "up" zoom will enlarge all the information in the top section (0-30') to fill the screen. The "down" zoom will enlarge the bottom 30'-60' section. Now that you've chosen to down zoom from 30'-60', you see something interesting at 35'. Touch the top zoom key and the unit will now enlarge the top half of the 30'60' range, which is 30'-45'. These special zoom features permit a variety of different possible pictures to provide the most efficient display possible for any condition. A touch of the "freeze frame" button will hold the image until released.

Automatic Ranging, new on the Telescan 1500 last year, is included on the T-480 to assure continuous, accurate display in the correct range. If your depth is not within the preset range, the unit automatically switches to the correct range.

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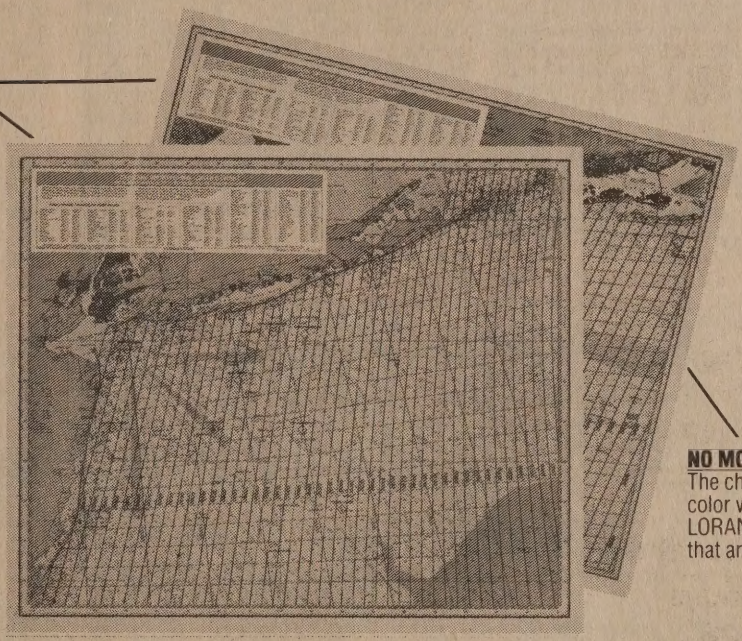

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The T-480 is more accurate than many expensive chart recorders and eliminates the need for rolls of costly chart paper. The unit is rugged, compact and designed for marine use. The controls feature a waterproof keypad with touch tone for range selection, up and down zoom, sweep speed and freeze frame, upper and lower audible alarm and brightness. The keypad is backlit for night viewing.

The Ray Jefferson T-480 comes with a detachable sun hook, clear plastic protective "see through" cover, gimbal mounting bracket, transducer transom mounting bracket, 20 ft. of trandsducer cable and a detachable power cord.

Suggested manufacturer's list price is $599.95.

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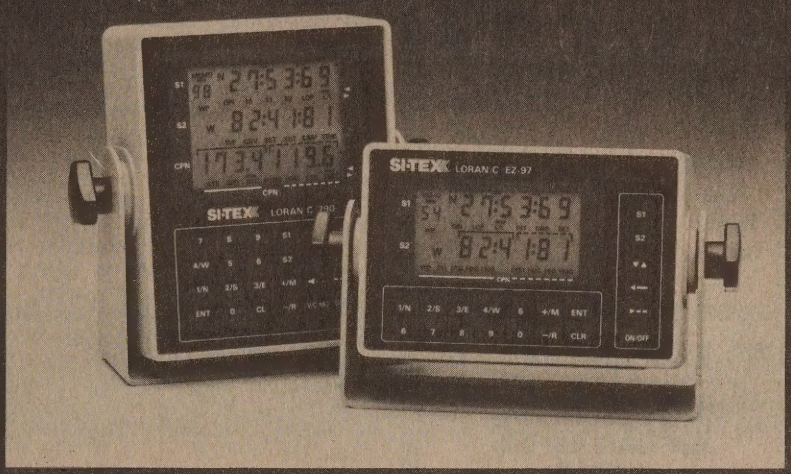

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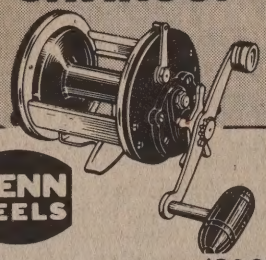

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Boats For Anglers

WINNER 2280 C

by John Raguso

Many anglers will recognize the Winner logo as one of the boating industry's oldest trademarks. However, few realize that this company which is domiciled in Dickson, Tennessee, is actually only a few years young. The original Winner folks closed down their boatbulding operation back in the late 70s and some former Hydra-Sports employees (located just down the road a piece in Nashville) broke away from the fold to start up their own company, resurrecting the venerable "Winner" name in the process. The first craft produced when manufacturing resumed back in 1982 were small bass boats and runabouts. Now that the Winner name is being accepted by the consuming public based on its own merits, they are expanding their lineup to include some blue water machines, hence the 2280 walkaround which is new for this model year.

Unlike some of her class competition, the Winner is a totally fresh design based on new molds and concepts. As such, she was constructed with the ever popular 8½ foot beam, now that trailerable beam limits have been expanded in many of the continental states.

While emulating proven walkaround cuddy features pioneered by Grady White and Hydra-Sports, the Winner 2280 has some unique characteristics of its own. While most of the industry is content to employ either resin-encapsulated plywood/fir or foam filled fiberglass "inverted—U" stringers, Winner has opted for a more unconventional approach with the supporting structure for their 2280 Cuddy. They incorporate a 100 percent all fiberglass grillage which is bonded into the hull so that there's no potential for wood to rot under the influence of bilge water or trapped condensation. This grid is a series of cross beams manufactured from 8 layers of fiberglass mat and woven roving materials, and it's bonded into the hull with resin to become a permanent part of the boat. When you couple this to the 10 layers of mat and woven roving (7xmat/3xW/R) that make up the hull itself, you're talking about a whole bunch of hand-laid fiberglass in this bruiser and accordingly, she tips the scales at a little over 3,000 lbs. Winner is so confident of this system's integrity, that they offer a 7 year warranty on the stringer grillage, in addition to the boat's normal 2 year warranty on the hull and deck. A secondary benefit of this novel stringer setup is that the multiple compartments of the grid create finished sections for the fuel tank and bait well under the cockpit sole and for below-bunk storage in the cabin. Polyurethane foam is sprayed in all remaining areas of the grillage to provide this craft with basic flotation.

Switching gears to see how the 2280 fares with her cabin and deck layout, the results of the extra 6 inches of beam are immediately obvious. My initial impression was that I was on a larger boat, not a 22 footer. The Winner's three-piece construction (hull, liner and deck) makes for generous cockpit space between the inboard gunwales. Due to this feature, rigging accessories like additional rod holders, cleats, outriggers and the

like is a breeze when compared to attempting this on a two-piece boat that provides limited access for through-bolting hardware. Standard features include a pair of overboard draining, insulated fish boxes that measure 27"x24"x12", and are situated under each helm seat; in this case, dual Marlin chairs by Pompanette. Cockpit freeboard aft is a respectable 26½" and another neat feature is the standard padded coaming bolsters which should help save the knees and shins of all those "stand-up" fanatics out there (myself included). Standard fuel capacity is 120 gallons, with the option for a 150 gallon cell for those who wish to use twin V-4s or just want to push the range envelope a little further.

Four stainless steel rod holders come pre-installed from the factory, as does an aerated oval live well below deck aft, complete with saltwater through-transom intake and overflow outlets. A S/S wheel is also standard, as is S/S deck hardware and fittings. Under each gunwale there is a horizontal teak rack that will hold three short rods or gaffs in each section. Rounding out the cockpit area is a molded splashwell that will store 6 additional fishing rods in vertical holders.

Moving towards the helm station, there is a decent amount of space to mount a set of gauges for dual power plants under a slanted clear plexi screen. The molded-in electronics locker measures 17"W x 7"H x 14"D, so you might be able to squeeze in both a Loran C plus a VHF radio here if you choose compact units. There's plenty of flat space to mount a computer graph recorder and the weather protection provided by the sturdy, high profile windshield is very good, as is visibility while either standing or seated.

Down in the cabin, the twin bunks measure 6' 3" in length by 6' 3" in width, so you should be able to overnight it comfortably every once in awhile with two adults and one or two small children. The bunk cushions are 3½" thick and are finished in a velour-type material that will make catnaps a pleasant experience. A portable head can be stowed under the cushions and there are three additional storage areas for life vests, dock lines, etc., under the bunks.

All in all, the Winner 2280 offers a lot of features for the money and I'm sure you'll be seeing more of these craft at your favorite fishing spots as the season unfolds.

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SPECIFICATIONS

Length	22'1"
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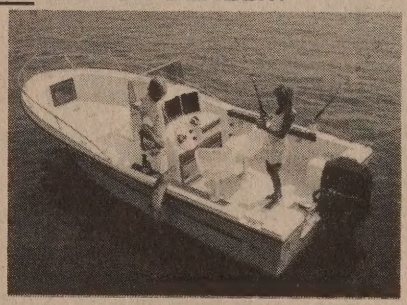

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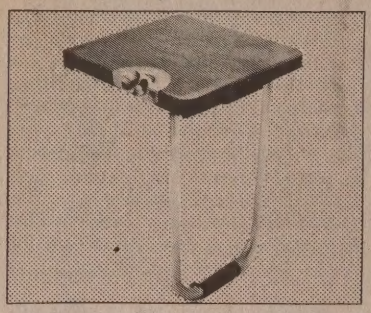

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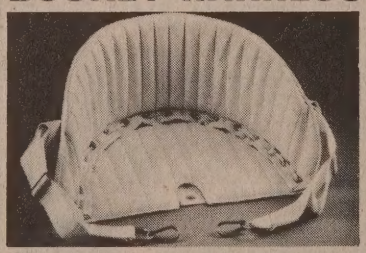

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Product Review

RYOBI G-40 CASTING REELS

by Jim White

There are many fine casting reels on the market today. Some go upwards of $100 and the insides are like a fine Swiss watch. But the average guy might be a little hesitant to spend so much on a reel he may only use on weekends or a few times a year.

Fishing both fresh and salt water, I look for quality at an affordable price. So with freshwater being my second love, I try to keep expenses down in that area.

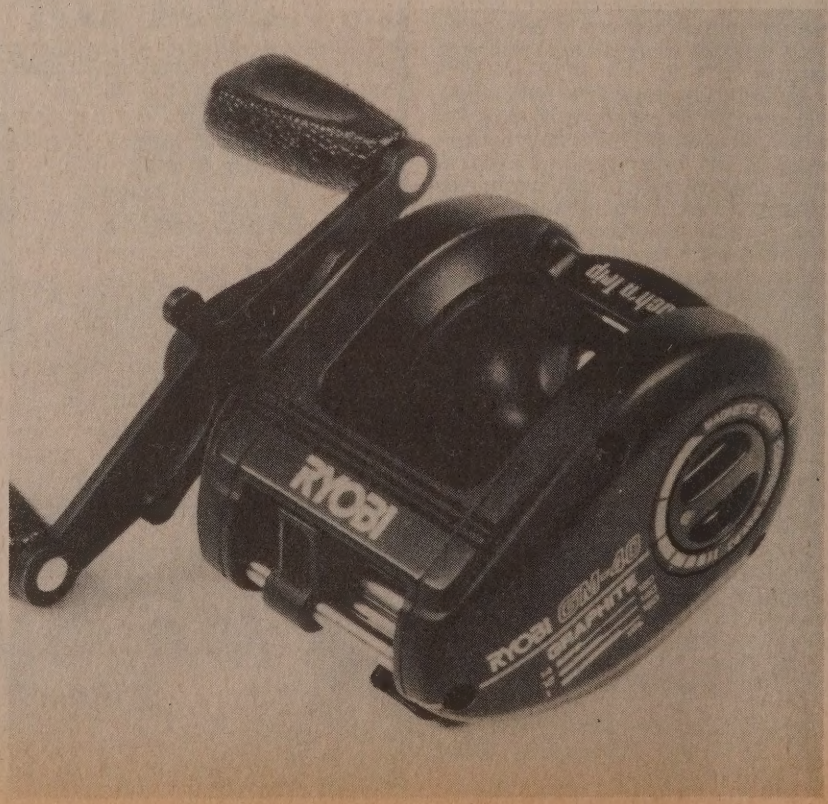
Ryobi, the world's largest custom die-caster, has built a baitcasting reel that has high tech features and yet is affordable to almost all fishermen. The highest standards in baitcasting technology are combined with a very attractive price in Ryobi's new G-40 and GM-40 reels. Both these reels are very light in weight, tipping the scales at just under 7 ounces. This light weight is a bonus when you're casting all day long and helps in balancing out an outfit with today's new, lighter weight rods.

There's something about putting a heavy reel on a 3 ounce graphite stick that just doesn't sit right with me! I've tried it and my own personal opinion is that it just doesn't work right and defeats the purpose of having a lighter, well balanced outfit.

These reels are built from the same all graphite components as Ryobi's popular "The One" series of baitcasting reels. Its low profile design fits nicely in your hand while casting or retrieving.

Both the G-40 and the GM-40 are equipped with Ryobi's Touch'N Trip thumb bar, which is just the ticket for effortless, one-handed casting. I liked the Touch'N Trip bar. It made casting a breeze and I was surprised at how easy it released into free spool. Equipped with a ball bearing drive (just like more expensive models) promotes a really smooth retrieve.

There's also a selective flipping switch which allows an angler the flexibility of switching to a flipping mode with a just a flick of the finger. This really gives the fisherman two



reels in one: one for general casting and one for flipping, which has become so popular in the last few years. When you're trying to watch your pennies, it really helps having a reel that will do double duty.

Ryobi's G-40 features a very unique centrifugal braking system, along with frictional cast control, which helps precision casting with little effort. On the GM-40 it utilizes individual magnets, which have been fused into a continuous inner and outer ring. With it, you can adjust to any casting situation with many different size baits to provide for pinpoint casting.

Other features included a one piece die-cast frame. All Ryobi baitcasting reels have single piece, unitized frames that are both light and incredibly strong. These single piece frames form the heart of each system. Since the entire reel body is one solid piece, accurate alignment of the spool, gears and frame is always assured.

Employing graphite spools gives a perfectly balanced, extremely strong graphite spool that not only results in faster starts on the cast, but resists nicks and bites preventing line abrasion.

To further help eliminate backlash and improve casting control, Ryobi developed and perfected the "V" spool. Because of the diminished spool circumference toward the end of the cast, less line is released as the lure velocity reduces.

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Both reels feaure strong gears with ratios needed for the retrieves demanded by today's fishermen. Ryobi's gears are made from the strongest brass alloy and are carefully finished and inspected to assure a long, quiet life and a dependable drag system.

Each model feaures Ryobi's exclusive R-Tec drag material, a unique development that assures a smooth long-lasting drag with trouble free performance. When combined with their micro-finished pressure plate, heat dissipates rapidly for a constant and dependable drag system.

Ryobi baitcasting reels also have a disengaging level wind with aluminum oxide line guide inserts that assure frictionless line travel and longer casts.

As you can see, these are high tech reels and if you're looking at a new casting reel, you ought to take a close look at Ryobi's G-40 or GM-40. You'll like what you see.

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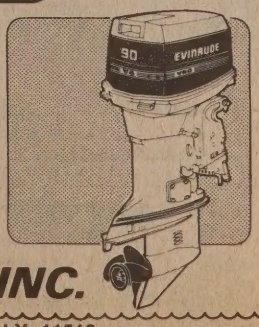

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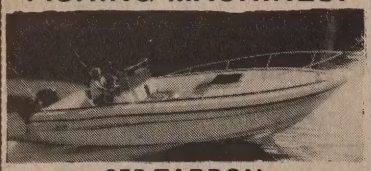

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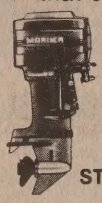

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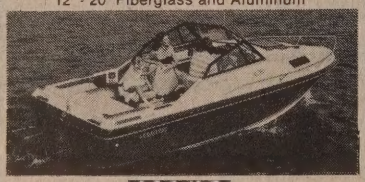

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

My son and I are planning a fishing trip in mid-June to Canada for smallmouth bass and walleye. Could you please advise me what kind of lure to use? This is our first trip and we hope it will be successful. We enjoy the magazine. Hope to hear from you soon. *David Martin.*

Dear Dave,

Canada smallmouths and walleye...go ahead and make my mouth water! Here are some lure suggestions that you should try to take along for these two super game fish.

For the walleye and smallies, bring a good supply of small grub type jigs in weights from 1/8 to 3/8 ounces. Mr. Twister grubs and also Vibratail jigs fromk Blue Fox Tackle Co. Colors should be more subdued: smoke, greens and the old standby, white.

Also, for both fish bring a good supply of the original Rapala minnow lures in floating and countdown models. Silver and gold are the colors and sometimes the jointed models are more effective. Stick with sizes 5 though 7 for most of your fishing, but bring along some bigger ones and you'll probably get some nice pike too.

Specifically, for the smallmouths, small size crankbaits in the 2 to 3 inch size. Another lure that still takes more than its share of these great fighters is the Mepps spinner in the 0, 1 and 2 sizes. Use silver or gold with or without dressing on the tail hook. During the summer months you should also bring along some small plastic worms from 4 to 6 inch sizes and you will be able to catch fish under most circumstances that you may encounter. Good luck and catch a few for me!

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Dear Doc,

My father and I own a 19 foot fiberglass boat. We fish bays for the big tiderunner weakfish and for trout and flounder. We have had a Ray Jefferson depth sounder for several years and want to upgrade our system with an LCR or LCG unit. We have been looking at Humminbird, Lowrance and Eagle units in the $250 to $350 price range. What unit would you recommend that would best suit our needs? Any help would be greatly appreciated. *Frank Hubert.*

Dear Frank,

I appreciate your dilemma as there are lots of LCRs on the market, not just the three you've mentioned. Apelco, Si-Tex and Micronar and plenty of others.

When choosing an LCR, the most important thing to consider first off is how easy will it be for you to use? Certain characteristics may make you feel more comfortable with one unit

even though another unit may do the same thing. It's almost like choosing between two cars of the same price range and quality, but one is a stick shift, the other an automatic.

I hesitate to recommend one specific brand because there is a lot of good equipment out there. As you may know, the pixel count is a big selling point: the more pixels the clearer the image on the screen. Is the unit you are considering waterproof? How wide a screen do you need? (Usually, the wider the better as you cover more area.) Look at the space you have available on your boat and then look for the unit that offers the most value for the money you want to pay.

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Dear Doc,

A local TV channel reports on fishing and while watching a program a statement was made about freezing bloodworms. My question is, "Is there a certain way of doing this?" I have been fishing for over 50 years and I've never heard of freezing bloodworms over the winter. *Stanley Ceglowski.*

Dear Stanley,

Fresh bait is always the obvious and best way to go, but if you have no choice, frozen bait works better than no bait or the wrong bait. The best way to freeze bloodworms is to keep them in the sea grass which is found in the box. The grass helps prevent the worms from sticking in one big lump and they are easier to thaw. When the time comes to thaw the worms, do it slowly. Don't thaw under running water or they will become too soft to be really effective. Frozen bait is not as good as fresh, but it still works well if properly frozen and thawed.

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Dear Doc,

I have a few small fishing rods that were given to me a few weeks ago. Whoever had these rods abused them very badly. Guides are rusted or broken and the rods have been painted over. Is there anything I can use to remove the paint without harming the blank? Thanking you in advance for this information.

Jim Durney.

Dear Jim,

The first thing to do is to remove all of the guides and wrappings that are left. Next go out and buy any gel type of paint remover and some gloves to protect your hands from the gel. The hardware store should be able to recommend the right kind of cheap gloves to use. After the paint remover has been placed on the rod you can use a steel wool pad to remove the stubborn spots. Once this is done and you have wiped the blank clean, the next step is to refinish with epoxy spray paint (the kind used to touch up sinks or appliances). The paint thinner should not harm the rod blank and the epoxy will make it look like new. You're now ready to go from there.

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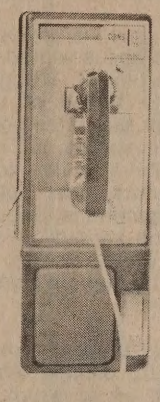

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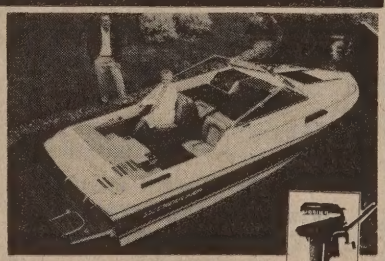

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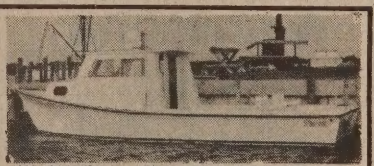

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Dock Lines

by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

How does a 22 foot glass boat (walkaround cuddy type) vent the gas tank compartment?

I have a Citation which is powered by an I/O. The motor box is vented by scoops and a bilge blower. The gas tank is located just ahead of the motor box and a wall separates both. The gas tank itself is vented, but not that compartment. I'm sure this boat which is a 1985 comes under Coast Guard and State regulations. Should this compartment be vented? If so, whst is the easiest way to do it?

Richard Godin.

Dear Richard,

The gas tank must be vented overboard to allow air to escape when fueling and to allow air to return as the fuel level lowers when the boat is in operation. This vent also allows excess fuel to go overboard should you put too much in your tank or if the fuel expands during a hot day.

The compartment that contains the fuel tank is not vented directly in most boats. It is usually located under the deck, amidship and venting would be impractical and, hopefully, unnecessary.

A modern fuel tank should never leak but we all know about Murphy's Law, so anything is possible. A leak in the fuel tank should rain into the bilge which is vented by the same blowers and vents that air out the engine compartment. This is how my boat and most of the other boats I am familiar with are constructed.

In many boats access to the fuel tank is restricted by seats or other deck hardware. The cover is usually screwed down and sealed to prevent water from seeping below deck. I do remove the cover over my tank each fall as part of the winterizing process. I check the tank, hoses and connectors for possible problems such as corrosion, cracks and loose fittings. After the inspection I re-seat the cover using a latex caulking and screw it back down.

Dear Eric,

Last year I purchased a 1972, 20 foot IMP. The boat is in excellent shape, all fiberglass with a 225 hp V8 I/O. All of last year we belly slung the boat. I missed the November run of bluefish at Fortesque because the only access was from ramps and I had no power winch.

This December I treated myself to a five ton pull power winch; however, I am very concerned about one thing. I have a conventional trailer and I wanted to know if my eye ring at the bow of the boat would hold up under the stress of the winch. The boat is a heavy one approximately 3,500 pounds. Has anyone you know torn out the bow ring doing this. I can't get an answer from my local boat dealer and I hope I didn't waste my money on this heavy duty power winch.

Larry Biel.

Dear Larry,

If the eye ring in your boat is properly installed and in good condition you should not have a problem pulling the boat onto the trailer with your power winch. I am sure someone has had one of those eye rings fail, but I have never personally heard of one giving way.

Since your boat is not new I do suggest a check of the eye ring. Look for any stress cracks in the fiberglass around the ring and be certain the nut and washer inside the boat that holds the ring in place are tight. The ring itself should not be rusted or show any cracks or bending.

I have pulled my own boats out many times using a power winch and have watched as countless others were pulled in the same fashion without incident. The strain on the boat is the same using a power or a manual winch; the electric motor simply takes the strain off the operator.

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Dear Eric,

In going over the February 12th issue of The Fisherman, I came to Dock Lines by Eric Burnley. I noted in your reply to Jim Nulan "Modern outboard engines do not require flushing after each use in saltwater. In fact, you are probably running a greater risk of damage from overheating by using a flush cap than damage from corrosion if you just left the motor alone."

As we have been flushing our Yamaha in this manner for some time, I called our Yamaha dealer for a clarification. I was told the following:

a) incorporated in the Yamaha is an alarm system which sounds off in the event of overheating.

b) there is nothing in the Yamaha owner's handbook which says this method of flushing is dangerous.

c) Yamaha sells these flush caps.

Perhaps you should clarify your remarks for they do not pertain to our outboard at all. *E.H. Bailey.*

Dear Mr. Bailey:

My comments do apply to your out-

board and all other outboards and I/Os; so I will try to clarify the situation. The flushing you do is unnecessary and if the source of your water supply suffers a change in pressure or if the flush cap is not properly seated you can damage the motor. Most outboards do employ a warning buzzer, but it only sounds when the motor has reached a dangerous operating temperature. If you don't shut down immediately severe damage can result.

I only use my flush cap when winterizing the motor in the fall and during commissioning in the spring. I make sure no one in the house is going to take a shower or start the dishwasher while the motor is running. It is also important to adjust the water flow as too much pressure can be as dangerous as too little.

Flush caps are necessary if you need to run the motor when the boat is out of the water. This should only be done for maintenance or repair purposes. If you choose to flush the motor each time you use it be aware of the procedures you must take to prevent damage to your motor.

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Dear Eric,

I used to keep my boat stored out of the water and had it put over each time I used it. Under these conditions I kept the bottom painted with Inter-Lux Fiberglass Bottom Kote,a non-copper based bottom paint and the zinc anodes on my 488 MerCruiser Stern Drive lasted all season.

Last year I had a permanent slip in Narragansett Bay and I painted the bottom with Inter-Lux Copper Lux Antifouling Bottom Paint. When the boat was pulled in November the anode on the cavitation plate was in good shape, but the two on the transom bolts were almost gone and the bolts were exposed.

Did the copper paint increase the electrolysis and thereby cause the anodes to deteriorate faster?

Brownell Malone.

Dear Brownell,

Copper does conduct electricity and I suppose having some in your bottom paint could increase electrolysis but I suspect keeping your boat in a slip all season was the reason your anodes deteriorated. Electrolysis can only occur when the boat is in the water, so keeping it in storage except when you were actually using it prevented the anodes from wasting away.

You may not need the copper based bottom paint to prevent marine growth. I keep my boat in a slip from May until October and it is painted with Inter-Lux Fiberglass Bottom Kote. The bottom stays clean and free of growth all season. I am in an area where things begin to grow on the bottom if you leave it untreated over the weekend. Check with other boaters in your area as well as the local marinas to find out what type of bottom paint they use.

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STRIPER UPDATE

by Fred Golofaro

It's a subject that has generated a volume of proposals, a plethora of changes and enough controversy to last most politicians a lifetime. The striped bass issue has frustrated, angered and in some cases, reduced to boredom, many of those involved in this game wrought with variables. Its impact is being felt through all levels of government, including federal.

Since last month's announcement by DEC concerning a proposed one fish bag limit for the recreational striped bass fishery, there has been some confusion among anglers concerning specifics of the regulations. Hopefully, we can clear up some of that confusion before any other changes take place.

The current proposal for a one fish daily bag limit includes fish of 33 inches or longer. The current ban on the sale of striped bass would remain in effect. Also likely to be in effect, would be a closed season stretching from December 1st through May 7th.

One major point of confusion is that many people are under the impression that these regulations are already law. Not so. They are proposed and according to DEC Director of Marine Resources, Gordon Colvin, final regulations will be announced after April 17th and prior to the proposed May 8th opening. He added that there was "little chance" of any changes being made to the proposed regs for the 1987 season.

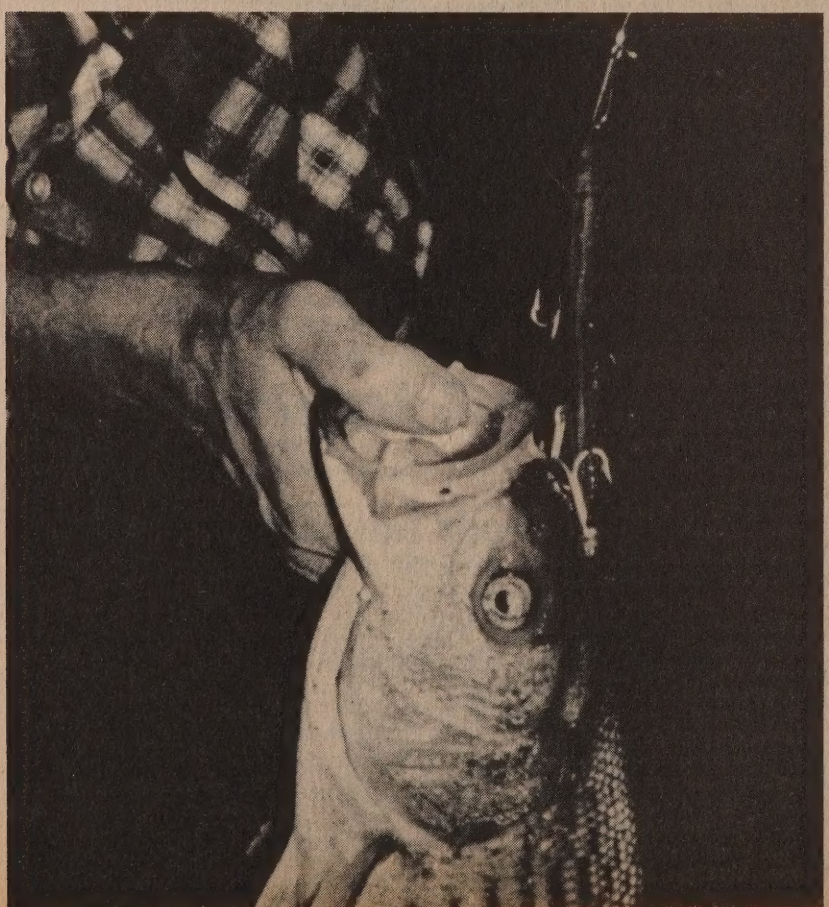
As expected, commercial bass fishermen, and more specifically the East Hampton Town Baymen's Association, view the proposed regs as being inequitable and a victory for the recreational industry. They have been busy lobbying Albany with support from local Assemblyman, John Behan, for a 100 lb. daily commercial catch to include fish between 16 and 30 inches.

Most experts agree that this plan has virtually no chance of passage since the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has remained adamant concerning the 33 inch size limit. New Jersey appeared headed for a federally imposed moratorium when it proposed a 3 fish recreational bag limit to include 1 fish of 18 to 24 inches. The federally imposed ban went as far as appearing on the Federal Register in March. Jersey revised their proposal to include a bag limit of 5 fish, 31 inches or more in length, to be raised to 33 inches on August 1, 1987. The A.S.M.F.C. appears to have dropped their opposition to New Jersey's regulations as a result of the change. The object of the 33 inch size limit is to protect as many of the 1982 Chesapeake stock as possible.

Some anglers expressed concern over a threat by the Hudson River Fishermen's Association to file suit against the DEC, since the proposed regs did not address the Long Island and Hudson River fisheries separately. DEC officials were confident that this issue would have no effect on the proposed one fish limit.

So, if all goes as expected, recreational anglers will again be able to possess striped bass. Most tackle shop owners and charter boat skippers have greeted the news with reserved enthusiasm, preferring to wait for the official word before getting too excited. An encouraging note is that unlike last season, when DEC proposed a minimal bag limit only to have it shot down in Albany, this year's proposal reportedly has the blessing of Governor Cuomo. Data gathered during last season's ban proved convincing enough to the powers that be that there was little chance of illegal stripers, with their accompanying PCB concerns, reaching the marketplace under a limited recreational fishery.

For most anglers, the one fish bag limit would come as a welcome relief but probably have little actual impact on their take-home catch. Still, it would provide for that occasional fish for the table, the keeping of that once-in-a-lifetime trophy, and in a few cases, prevent having to return a dead fish to the water. The prospect of being able to keep one trophy fish should be enough to pump some enthusiasm back into those who spurned striper fishing in 1986. Charter boats and tackle shops should benefit from this sector. The proposed regulations will have little effect on the habits of those who continued their pursuit of "Roccus" through last season's ban. Most will likely continue the practice of catch and release fishing, regardless of the bag limit. Many others will be comforted by the knowledge that when they release their next trophy striper, it will be because that's the way they wanted it.



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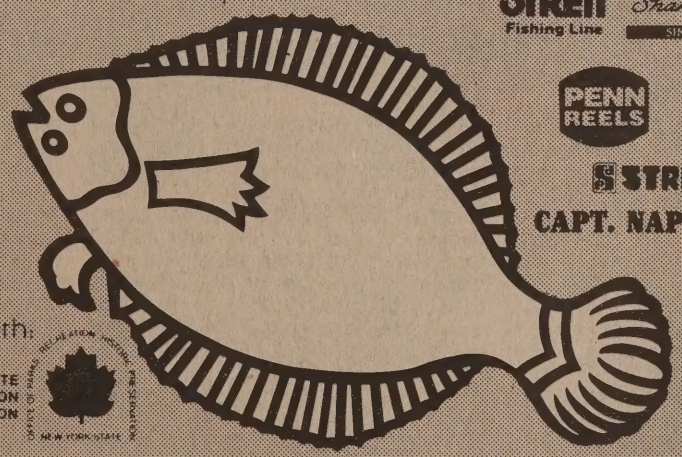

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CAN THEY COEXIST

by Martin & Janet Garrell

There's a feeling of disbelief when the big winches stop, when the nets flop onto the deck and when the rope that releases the catch from the apex of the trawl is finally yanked. If the "pull" was a good one, the catch sloshing around at your feet would take the rod and reel sport angler a season to accumulate. In fact, after riding out to sea on a dragger owned by a friend from Cutchogue some years ago, it was hard to go flounder fishing for many months. We'd had only "fair" pulls through schools of winter flounder plus other assorted deep water flatties including gray sole and yellowtails never caught by rod and reel, but we'd seen all the fish we could imagine!

So-called "harvesting from the sea" isn't harvesting in the traditional agricultural sense because commercial fishermen reap without sowing, except for nominal fees that wind up in marine research and mariculture. Still there's much they have in common with farmers: the constant battle against the elements, the rise and fall of prices on the markets, grueling schedules, physical labor and the horrendous costs of capital investments. Making money at a game in which minimum investments can run into hundreds of thousands, in which prices fluctuate tenfold and in which the vagaries of coastal weather and marine cycles cause boom—or bust; no one ever called that easy! Yet ocean draggers and their smaller counterparts in the bays usually do make money until something goes wrong. Our friends went out of business the following winter when their refurbished 65 footer went down in a storm outside Shinnecock Inlet.

Dragging is only one of the many commercial techniques practiced in our area, but it's a "semi-dirty" one; that is, effective release of a catch, although perhaps dictated by regulation, may result in only so much waste. Soft-bodied fish compressed in an otter trawl and bloated fish hauled from great depths will either feed people or sea gulls.

By contrast, trap fishing can be quite "clean" with operators able to handle fish almost individually by dip netting from the drawn pockets of the traps. Watching the operation of some East End traps off the Hamptons and Gardiner's Island about five years ago with a crew from a Greenport market, we were impressed by the efficiency and by the lack of wear and tear on the catch. At first we were amazed by the simplicity of the setup, which forces fish that follow shore contours (like mackerel, bluefish, weakfish, summer flounder and scup) to swim into holding pens like so many sheep. However, the combination of simplicity and efficiency was characteristic of the people who first occupied Paumonok, the Indian tribes. Insofar as conservation is concerned, trap fishing has tremendous advantages. For example, should a decision be made to go for a fishery in anadromous salmonids like sea run brown trout on Long Island, it would be relatively easy for trap operators to remove these shoreline huggers from their sets and send them gently on their way to spawning rivers.

Gill netting kills everything caught in the meshes and provides no possibilities for release. Still an acquaintance of ours who tends traps and gill nets in Orient pointed out that mesh sizes are critical. Small fish almost always get through large meshes, and species can be accurately targeted according to size. Catching exactly what one wants is the aim of gill

netting, so lots of inshore nets begin with May mackerel and bluefish. In recent seasons bunker have been a problem for gill nets out East because of lack of demand; likewise any school bass that follow the beaches may be wasted in sets intended for tailor and cocktail blues, especially when weather and bait concentrations conspire to bring the bass in close.

However, gill netting can distort or even destroy a local fishery. We vividly remember a sampling technique used years ago on a natural lake in Westchester. The New York State Department of Conservation had been asked to survey the population of bluegill and largemouth bass and biologists proceeded to set gill nets across the open water of the lake. The take of sunfish (in a lake loaded with bluegills!) was minimal, but the nets were absolutely choked with white perch. Although the lake had once been a prime producer of the highly desirable 10 to 14 inch white perch, the species all but disappeared thereafter. Gill nets had wiped out the major schools.

Small operators on the East End who daily tend their inshore nets and traps are, often as not, "baymen," folks who also harvest eels, clams, oysters or scallops (before the brown tides of recent years). It's debatable whether this group will survive into the next century because it cannot coexist with the explosive development of what's left of Long Island. Astronomical land and home prices, loss of productive wetlands and the inevitable pollution of estuaries from runoff and marine development spell doom for what used to be a way of life. The larger commercial operators who have the capital to invest in long nets and work further offshore, or who can put cash into ocean draggers should continue to operate at a profit for decades to come.

Although sport anglers are often loath to admit it, rod and reel fishing is the major technique used to take some species in many areas, whether the fish wind up on commercial markets or not. Does anyone doubt the guesstimates that more than half of the stripers on the million dollar New York market before the ban of 1986 were supplied by "pin-hookers?" On the waters of Long Island Sound, Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has estimated that up to 95 percent of the take of such species as tautog come from recreational rod and reel angers. The percentage is even higher for bluefish; even for winter flounder, the number is a respectable 73 percent on the Connecticut side! The poundage is considerable as well, with some 1.6 million pounds of winter flounder and 3.5 million pounds of adult bluefish taken by Connecticut recreational anglers in 1985 and 1983, respectively.

Increased numbers of anglers and changes in angling techniques can have the same devastating effects on

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Sorting the catch.

Jumbo porgies from an East End trap.

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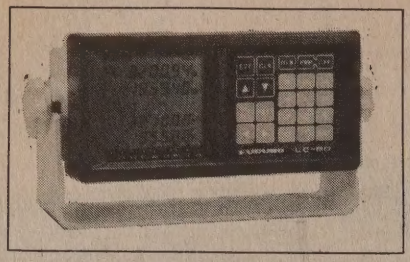

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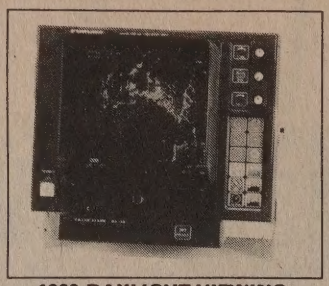

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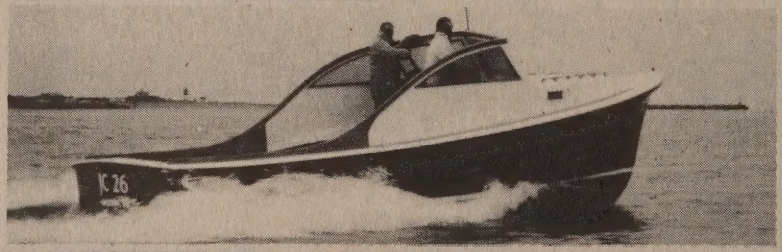

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fisheries that refined commercial techniques and the entry of more nations and more U.S. craft have had in years past. What happens when wrecks full of tautog and sea bass are hit repeatedly by party boats or private craft with Loran isn't very different from what happens when draggers bang the open bottom south of Long Island for gadids all winter long or when both small craft and draggers work on stocks like flounder, fluke and weakfish off the East End of Long Island. As pressure intensifies, boats have to get bigger and travel further and techniques have to be more efficient. Party boats with overnight accommodations make two day trips to waters 100 miles distant; ocean fleets set miles of long lines and turn to factory ships for processing the catch; even the wrecks can be festooned with fish traps and set lines, although we haven't reached this point in the northeast. Not yet!

The golden goose theory of fisheries is a fallacy; i.e., supposedly commercial enterprises always resist killing the goose that lays golden eggs, so fishermen should avoid wiping out the last schools of a species that feeds them, realizing that there's no tomorrow. Not so! Simple economic analysis shows that, when a species becomes truly scarce, market prices go up, way up, and that high profits from even a small catch can generally be invested at a very good rate of return. Consequently, long after an over-exploited fishery has been wiped out, cash from investments continues to flow into the pockets of the exploiters.

Current regulations on commercial fisheries, the result of fishery management plans (FMPs) imposed by the Marine Fisheries Act of 1977, may not be adequate to sustain sport fisheries that work the same species. Mesh size restrictions for nets, allowing the escape of juveniles, restricted catch poundage and prohibition on dragging in critical areas—this is all well and good, but enforcement is critical and whispers of violations abound on the waterfront when dollars are to be made. Moreover, the concept of maximum sustainable yields (MSYs) for commercial fisheries doesn't necessarily jibe with quality sport fishing for a couple of reasons. First, although the poundage of a species at the docks may be constant, the tendency to harvest smaller fish sizes is anathema to the recreational angler. Is a wintertime angler really happy with whiting not much larger than smelt? How about the cod or flounder angler with only a couple of fish barely bigger than the legal limit in a day's bag? Is he or she happy? Probably no! Second, it appears that the rod and reel angler often needs an excess of fish in some areas to make fishing worth his or her while. A small dragger can often make money pulling flounder in an area where skiffs are suffering through a slow or near-zero pick. South shore draggers make a living

pulling cod from open bottom while party craft trying to fish the same bottom are going hungry. The places in the world where draggers, nets, commercial handliners, and rod and reel sports all catch well, fishing side by side, places like Georges Bank, those places with huge bodies of adult fish are all but gone. Those that still exist may not last much longer, given man's tendency to overharvest.

The future of both recreational and commercial fishing will depend critically on compromises which will probably satisfy neither. According to a recent New York Times article by N.R. Kleinfeld, the per capita poundage of fish consumed has grown from 10.9 pounds in 1966 to 14.5 pounds in 1985. In a country of 250 million at the turn of the 21st century, an increase of only one pound per capita will mean a catch increase of 250 million pounds of fillets, that is, around 700 million pounds of whole fish. Some projections call for 30 pounds of fish per capita within a few years; hence an increase in the harvest of 10.5 billion pounds would be necessary. However, for comparison the total amount of cod and haddock caught in New England is only some 100 million pounds per year, according to the National Fisheries Institute. Obviously, dogfish, skate and maybe sand eels must wind up on gourmet platters of the 1990s if increased demand is to be satisfied! Current stocks of popular recreational fish will be pressed—hard!

The increased pressure on existing stocks makes it essential that sport anglers band together to preserve fishing quality, but a price must be paid. Yes, small draggers with catches of hundreds of pounds per day, along with gill nets and haul seines can be driven away from selected inshore waters by regulations. Yes, fish trapping can easily be cut off whenever a harvest needs to be curtailed and species can be taken and released selectively. Yes, ocean dragging can be restricted in time and place to allow for spawning activity and for recreational fishing in clear zones. Commercial fishermen may chafe under such restrictions and regulations, but they'll be able to harvest different species more efficiently and smart operators will continue to make money. But sporting anglers, to get those things, must band together, lobby in a more organized fashion and produce cash up front. Like it or not, northeastern salts will be doing exactly what anglers on the Gulf and West Coast have been doing for years, buying saltwater licenses. In 1985, according to statistics from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), some 30.5 million licenses, stamps, tags and permits cost anglers some $282.3 million, or about $9.50 per angler. Depending on location, money spent on boats, gas, vacations and other fishing-related items might have run 10 times that amount. Domestic shipments of fishing tackle and equipment alone were worth $350 million!

Also included in the price will be increased regulation of rod and reel catches, namely bag limits on bottom species as well as predators and pelagic wanderers. We'll also be told when we can take fish according to set seasons and sports who once filled their tubs with weakfish in May and flounder from November through March may be grumbling as a result.

True, nobody really wants these restrictions; even the most conservation minded among us would like to be able to catch and keep fish according to personal need or circumstances, say, when a particular fish would make a splendid trophy. A couple of years ago I hooked a magnificent 30 lb. chinook while deep jigging with very light tackle off the Oregon Coast. It took more than a half hour to get the fish to the net, and revving its engines again was difficult. However, the ocean season on salmon would not open for another couple of days, and the skipper knew the rules. No questions were asked; back she went!

When a country grows to a quarter of a billion and feeds itself increasingly from the sea, when a world of 7 to 10 billion cannot feed itself, commercial and recreational fishermen have to live together in discomfort while managers make decisions allotting and handling finite resources. Rules, regulations and cash are the dues we'll have to pay for our fishing pleasure in the years to come.

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THE WAY IT WAS:

LONG ISLAND TROUT HISTORY

Part Two—by Al Ristori

When Charles Hallock was writing about Long Island trout fishing in 1873, there was a lot more fishable water than is now available to us; but most of the names are familiar. Even then, the attraction was the difficulty involved in tempting those trout rather than great numbers of fish in the creel. Let's glance further at "The Fishing Tourist" as Hallock describes the fishing scene.

"Notwithstanding the insular position of Long Island, and the sandy character of its soil, which extends in areas of barren plain over thousands of acres, its entire surface is diversified by ponds and extensive swamps, which send forth copious streams, clear, cold and sparkling. There are no less than 70 of these streams. Most of them afford abundant mill privileges and some have been used as mill sites for 200 years. The Peconic River is the longest, measuring 15 miles. These take their rise not only in the central dividing ridge, but all along both shores above and below the line of high water mark, though they are most numerous upon the south side. Nearly all abound in trout. The most celebrated are Success Pond, Ronkonkoma, Coram, Great Pond, Fort Pond, Killis Pond, and the considerable bodies of water at Smithtown, Carman's, Islip, Patchogue and Oyster Bay. Great Pond is two miles long and Ronkonkoma a mile and a half.

"The unusual facilities and attractions which these waters afford to sportsmen were recognized a century ago. The best localities were quickly appropriated by private individuals, who improved and stocked them at considerable expense, and leased fishing privileges to city sportsmen at a fixed rate per diem, or $1 per pound for all fish taken. Several were subsequently secured by clubs, who laid out ornamental grounds, built spacious club-houses, and added largely to the original stock of fish. The principal of these is the South Side Club, near Islip, which comprises a hundred or more members. But there is a coterie of fifteen gentlemen, who enjoy at Smithtown the use of angling privileges equal to those of a majority of the private preserves. They have four ponds, of which the chief are Phillips' Pond and Stump Pond. The former is noted for its big fish. Their domain is an old-fashioned farm, which literally flows with milk and honey."

As we can see, Long Island private trouting could be quite expensive even a century ago. Imagine what that $1 per pound would come to today! Hallock goes on to note that: "Of private ponds the most famous and richly stocked are Maitland's Pond near Islip and the Massapiqua [sic] Pond at Oyster Bay. Nearly all the ponds throughout the island lie along the main highways, in many cases separated from the road only by a fragile fence, but jealously guarded by trespass notices, dogs and keepers; and it has not infrequently happened that some neophyte initiated into the mysteries and perogatives of Long Island fishing, has innocently climbed the fence, and tossed his fly into the forbidden waters—whereby and in consequence hang tales of 'withered hopes', not to be repeated except on chilly evenings in the ruddy glow of a blazing wood-fire—and then sotto voce."

"I doubt there is any locality where the angler may enjoy his favorite pastime with the same luxurious ease."

Unfortunately, even in the "good old days," there wasn't all that much free fishing on Long Island—just as is still the case for trout and salmon in the British Isles. Hallock lived in a period we look back on as undeveloped, but he talks about the past much as we do today. "In those earlier days of undeveloped locomotion, when the Long Island Railroad was the grand highway between New York and Boston, the only means of access to either side was by occasional cart-paths that traversed the intervening plains. Over these barren wastes hearse-like vehicles made quotidian trips from the railroad stations. From Farmingdale to Riverhead, throughout an area forty miles by six in extent, scarcely a house or cultivated patch was seen. The only growth was scrub oak and stunted pine, through which devastating fires ran periodically. Into the yielding sands the wheels cut deeply and the journey, short as the distance was, seemed slow and tedious.

"Those who now gain easy access to either side by the railroad facilities provided, have small conception of the discomforts of the olden time. It is difficult to realize the magnitude of the improvements made. Once across the line that circumscribes these wastes, and the scene changes, as if by magic, to one of thrift and plenty. Bursting barns, capacious farmhouses and smiling fields attest the exuberance of the soil. City merchants and gentlemen retired from business have seized upon the choicest spots within a distance of fifty miles from town, and made them attractive with every modern innovation and appliance. Even portions of the barren wastes, which were regarded of trifling value, have been reclaimed and now 'bloom and blossom as the rose'. On every hand are stately mansions, back from whose well-kept lawns and embowering shrubbery stretch acres of farm, garden and nursery, all under highest cultivation."

So civilized had Long Island become by that time that Hallock was able to assure the reader that the "little delicacies and conveniences of the city" that make for perfection (such as "a dash of champagne and oysters with his fresh eggs and milk") were now available on the famed "South Side."

Now let's follow Hallock on a typical day of Long Island trouting. "Starting out betimes, when the tide serves right, we anglers follow a narrow lane that leads to the marshes beyond, and leaping an old rail-fence stride forth up on the flats. Before us stretches a wide expanse sere and brown, bounded in the distance by the blue ocean on which a single white

sail is making an offing. There is nothing else to break the dreary monotony save the distant masts of a couple of large fishing-smacks which are high and dry upon the banks of the creek in which we are to fish. The cold wind blows in our faces sharply and whistles through our delicate fishing tackle now rigged and ready for use and each heavy tramp falls with a squelch and a splash on the marsh, and the short, crisp, salt grass whisks up the blue ooze high on our boots. Is this the poetry of the gentle art?

"Ah! here is the creek at last. Whew! how the wind drives through its broad, deep channel and throws up the waves against its muddy banks with a cold goblin chuckle! What a cast of the fly! Away it whisks, clear over the creek and lodges on the opposite bank. Foot by foot we cover the creek as we make our frequent casts, but yet no rise. At length we take one trout at the bend—a small one; after a while another; anon another, a little larger than the rest."

"Taken all in all, I much doubt if there is any locality where the angler may enjoy his favorite pastime with the same luxurious ease as on Long Island. Very different is the roughing it in the bush, with all its hard vicissitudes. If any stranger desires to test the quality of the fishing here, let him first try the Cedar Swamp and New Bridge creeks at Oyster Bay; then, if time and inclination service, go on to Patchogue and put up at Austin Roe's hotel, where he will receive the attentions of a landlord of a thousand acres, who owns rights in nearly all the trout ponds and creeks in the neighbor hood. There he can fish ad libitum, and free of charge, and take home with him all the fish his luck or skill may bring to his creel.

"There is no more pleasant or profitable way of spending a two week's vacation than to take a horse and wagon, fill it with provender and equipments, and make a round trip of the entire island, stopping at the various fishing grounds by the way. The roads are for the most part good;and when the tourist has passed through Babylon, Jerusalem and Jericho, and left the western half of the island behind him, he will find himself among a community living in primitive simplicity, who have possessed the land for nearly two centuries and a half—upright, God-serving, well-to-do farmers, who go barefoot and eat with silver spoons—men who have seldom traveled beyond the limits of the townships in which they were born..."

Hallock concludes bv stating "A peculiar and fortune-favored people are the Long Islanders, who know how to enjoy life in a quiet way, and do have an unusual variety of its good gifts convenient to their hands. The railroads now bring them the daily papers from the city, and whatever luxuries the great emporium affords. The intervening plains furnish an occasional saddle of venison and a great variety of feathered game. The fertile belt of land which girts the island yields of abundance—its grainfields, its gardens, its orchards, and its live-stock. Waterfowl and freshwater fish throng its ponds and streams, and the broad salt marshes afford an excellent shooting ground for sportsmen. Beyond them the ocean rolls up its surf on the outer beach, while within the sheltered bays the most delicious fish and shellfish are found in profusion. The long, level roads offer the rarest opportunities for driving and trotting, and the bays for bathing, boating, and yachting."

Though much has changed, the essentials still remain—and Long Islanders are indeed "a fortune-favored people." Of course, the trout fishing isn't what it was over 100 years ago—but then again the angler who now beats the moisquito to Adirondack or Canadian waters will surely not take "fifty pounds of trout per diem" unless he uses dynamite.

To prove that modern conveniences don't change everything, check out Hallock's description of traveling to eastern Long Island: "The James Slip Ferry connects with the Long Island Railroad at Hunter's Point and the Grand and Roosevelt Ferries with the South Side Railroad. The entire journey to Greenport is made in about four hours." That's not bad time in 1987 for the same trip on the Long Island Expressway during commuting hours!

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THE TERMINAL END:

KNOT TYING

by Russ Wilson

It would be impossible to conclude the rig series without giving some attention to the knots that are used by experienced anglers who tie their own rigs. This week's article will focus on the practical aspect of knot tying and will include illustrations detailing how to tie the more common knots.

All fishermen, whether they probe the salt or fresh water environment, should have a basic knowledge of knot tying. Of all the "expert" anglers we've known throughout many years of frequenting the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts, each had one thing in common: he, or she, knew how to tie a variety of practical knots and was aware of when and how to apply each to a particular fishing situation.

Some knots are virtually standard no matter where you fish. The Clinch Knot, Improved Clinch, Bimini Twist, Spider Hitch, Lark's Head, dropper loop and perfection loop are basic knots that all fishermen should learn.

A few years ago we had opportunity to fish with an outdoor scribe who was well known. At the time I was very excited, just having a chance to see this person in action. The fact that I was actually fishing with him made it a trip I felt would be long remembered and as we loaded our gear aboard a friend's charter boat, I mentioned to my friend that he would not have to do much work because both I and my new found friend were experienced fishermen.

Little did I know. By the time we had all our gear stuffed into the cabin and were rigging tackle for the action we knew was ahead, some of the admiration I felt for our celebrity guest had diminished. By mid-morning I knew we'd been had. And, when we finally called it a day, after watching said expert hook and lose more than a half dozen striped bass that most fishermen would have given a week's pay to catch, it was obvious that things are not always as they may seem.

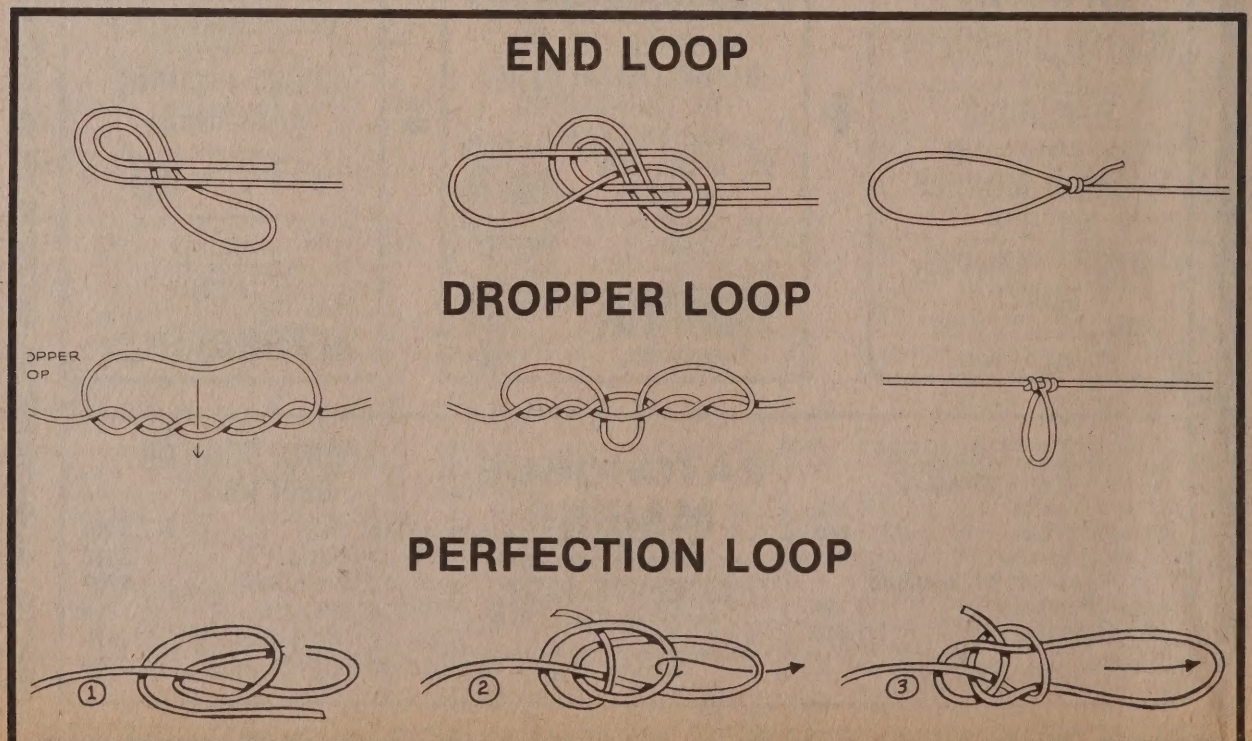
The poor soul could not tie an overhand knot without it slipping! How he could have fished the many places he wrote such glowing tales about I'll never know.

My children, by the time they were ten years old, needed no help in tying clinch knots or when snelling hooks. Being proficient at knot tying is tantamount to being a good angler. If you learn nothing else from the rig series, at least master the basic knots so you are always in a position to take advantage of any fishing situation that might arise.

Dick Kondak of Scotch Plains, New Jersey is perhaps one of the most savvy saltwater fishermen we know. Kondak is a perfectionist! He carries enough tackle to stock a small store, always has more lures, rigs and basic equipment than he will need, and somehow finds a way to use everything at least once.

Last year, during an all too brief excursion to Key West, we stayed at a house Kondak had rented on one of the canals. The canal was stiff with baby tarpon and each night, after spending a full day at sea cranking in all kinds of reef fish, dolphin, cobia and other finny critters, Dick, his three sons, Dick Julyia and yours truly, would rig up light casting outfits and do battle with the 5 to 15 pound tarpon that lived in the canal.

Those tarpon were educated. They knew the make, model number and



weight of every plug that has been made in the past 50 years and would not flick a fin to chase any lure no matter how deftly it was manipulated.

A situation such as we faced can easily discourage even the most dedicated angler. It only served to heighten Kondak's enthusiasm. After tossing and cranking every lure in his oversize duffel bag, Dick was off to Oceanside Marina in Key West and was promptly back with a bucket of live shrimp. Clipping the plug from his line, he quickly reached into one of the pocket size plastic boxes he always carries, and produced a handful of loose hooks in a variety of sizes. Within minutes, we had lively shrimp impaled on the right size hooks and Dick's son Greg was busy doing his best to subdue a 10 pound high jumper that he hooked on a little 5½ foot spinning outfit with 6 pound test line.

A lesser fisherman would have been stumped by the antics of those civilized tarpon. And, anyone who did not know basic knot tying would have been totally lost even if he did remember to bring along a pocket size box of loose hooks, and had the common sense to know that live bait was the answer to tricking those savvy fish.

Being among the ten percent of all fishermen who catch ninety percent of the fish is no accident. If you hope to be a member of this select group you've got to work at it.

There is no better place to start than at the business end of your fishing line and that is where knot tying comes into play. Since most fishermen use a snap or a snap swivel to connect rigs or lures, we'll start off with the easiest to tie knot.

Clinch Knot: This is perhaps the easiest to master of all monofilament knots and, when correctly tied, has a break strength of approximately 90 percent of the line test.

Start the knot by inserting the tag end of your fishing line or leader through the eye of the snap, or when using a loose hook, through the eye of the hook. Double the line back upon itself and make 5 turns around the line from your reel. The number of turns, or twists you form is critical.

After making the 5 times around twist, bring the tag end of your line back through the loop that was formed when you doubled the line back upon itself. Moisten the loose knot and slowly draw it tight.

Some anglers prefer the Improved Clinch knot and will go one step further when making the knot by bringing the tag end of their line back through the second loop that is formed when they push the tag end into the first loop (from the original doubling back of the line to make the five turns. This is said to be a 95 percent knot, and is used by many professionals who tame big fish with light tackle.

Blood Knot: Everyone who fishes with monofilament line should learn how to tie a blood knot. It can be used when connecting two pieces of monofilament line of similar size or when tying a slightly heavier leader (or fly leader tippet) to monofilament line or leader with a thicker diameter.

You will need at least 6 inches of line to work with when tying the blood knot. Start off by laying the two strands parallel. Using one hand, hold the two lines at the center and make 5 turns of one line around the other and push the tag end of the line through the loop that was formed when you made the 5 turns. Next step is to repeat the process with the second piece of material. After pushing the tag end of that line through the loop, slowly pull both parts of the connected lines so the knot will draw up evenly.

It is advisable to moisten this knot also, for as you draw it tight, the monofilament will heat as it snugs against the standing part of the line and can cause the finished knot to weaken.

If you intend to use a blood knot to join two pieces of line of unequal diameter we suggest you first double the smaller line so it is close to the outside diameter of the heavier monofilament. When attempting to connect lines of unequal size, the blood knot can, and will slip unless the smaller line is doubled.

Spider Hitch: A lot of salt and fresh water anglers who want a strong knot to form a double line will use the Spider Hitch in preference to the much more complicated Bimini Twist because it is a much easier and faster knot to tie. However, the Bimini is considered a 100 percent knot and should be mastered by anyone who hopes to tame big fish.

We use the Spider Hitch for all inshore fishing and find it is a very practical way to double the breaking strength of the final few feet of our running line.

To start the Hitch, form a double line of about 6 feet and hold the tag end and running line together so the doubled line is even. Take a turn around the doubled line to form a small loop of about one inch. This loop is the basic part of the Spider

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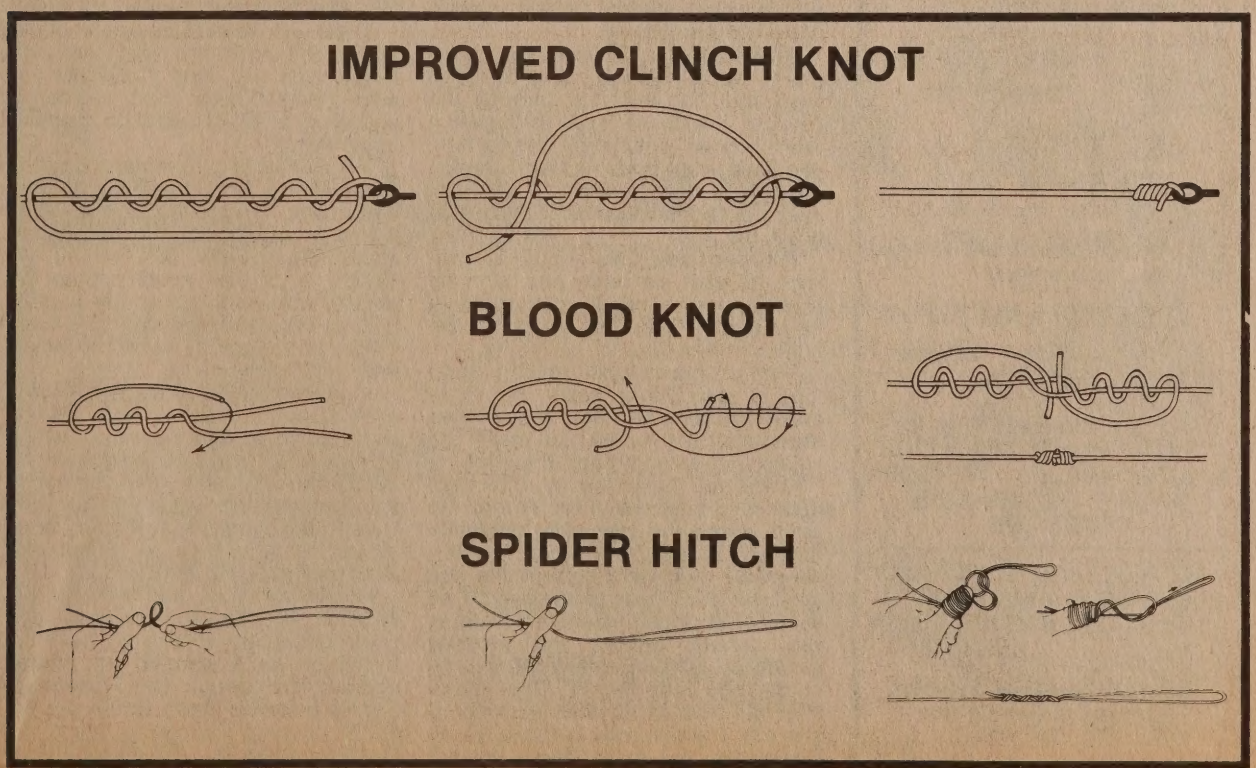

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Hitch. It should be firmly held between thumb and forefinger. Keeping both parts of the loop between your thumb and forefinger, take 5 turns of the doubled line around thumb and finger and then bring the end of the doubled line through the small loop you are holding. Moisten the line and slowly draw it tight so the 5 turns of doubled line you have around your thumb and finger slip free and are drawn through the small loop of line you have between thumb and finger.

This is the most important step in tying the Spider Hitch and unless it's done correctly, you will cause the line to heat up so quickly that much of the line's strength is lost.

Lark's Head Knot (or Loop to Loop Knot): The Lark's Head is a quick connection for attaching a swivel to the running line or when using a dropper leader for the sinker. Fly fishermen will use the Lark's Head when joining ready made leaders to the permanently attached butt section or when connecting a fly line to the backing. It is an easy way to connect two lines and is a quick connect knot that every sportsman should know how to tie and use.

You can tie a perfection loop at the end of your line or just use a double overhand knot to make the loop. Once you have the finished loop, you can then connect snelled hooks, snaps, swivels, sinkers or any item that has an eye or loop quickly and securely.

We use this particular knot often and find it superior to many of the newer methods of connecting hooks, snaps or sinkers. When using two hook rigs, for instance, the Lark's Head is the simplest way to attach the second hook to your leader. It is also a quick and inexpensive knot that can be used to attach sinkers when bottom fishing.

After forming a dropper loop in your line or leader, you just slip the loop from your snelled hook through the dropper, insert the hook through the snell loop and pull it tight. In seconds, you have a two hook rig that is nearly invisible. A single overhand knot will keep the second hook from sliding up down the line.

Dropper Loop: This is a must-learn knot. Its uses are many and because it can be used to cut down on terminal hardware, it is a cost cutter for the angler who does a lot of fishing.

To start the dropper, make a large loop in your line or leader. We try to make the loop at least four inches around so it is easier to make the twists that actually form the knot.

Once you have the loop formed, make 6 to 8 twists in the line at the point where the loop was originally formed. The number of twists is determined by the pound test of the line you use. With heavier lines such as 40, 50 or stronger, use only 6 turns or you cannot tighten the dropper securely. Lighter lines require 8 turns so the loop does not slip. This type of knot will weaken the line, but since it is a very practical way to make two or three hook rigs or to attach teasers and sinkers, it is one of the more important knots to learn.

Once you have the necessary number of twists in the double line, separate them at the point closest to the center and pull the large loop of line back through the opening you created when separating the twists. Moisten the twists, and then draw the knot by holding each end of the single line so the twists snug up against the loop.

Quite often, when tightening the dropper, the loop will begin to slip unless it is held firmly in place. You may find it necessary to attach the loop to a nail or to have someone else hold it while you tighten the finished knot.

There are a number of excellent books available that detail the how-to's of knot tying. It is advised that anyone who does not have some basic knowledge of knot tying purchase a book that shows how each knot is constructed and then, through trial and error, take the time to learn how to tie knots that are correctly tied.

Perhaps the best we've read is *Practical Fishing Knots*, by Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh. Both anglers have fished the premier waters of the world and are among the elite group of fishermen who deserve to be called "expert" by their peers.

Their combined knowledge, plus the excellent photography that accompanies the in-depth directions for tying each knot make Practical Fishing Knots a must-have item for anglers of all ages.

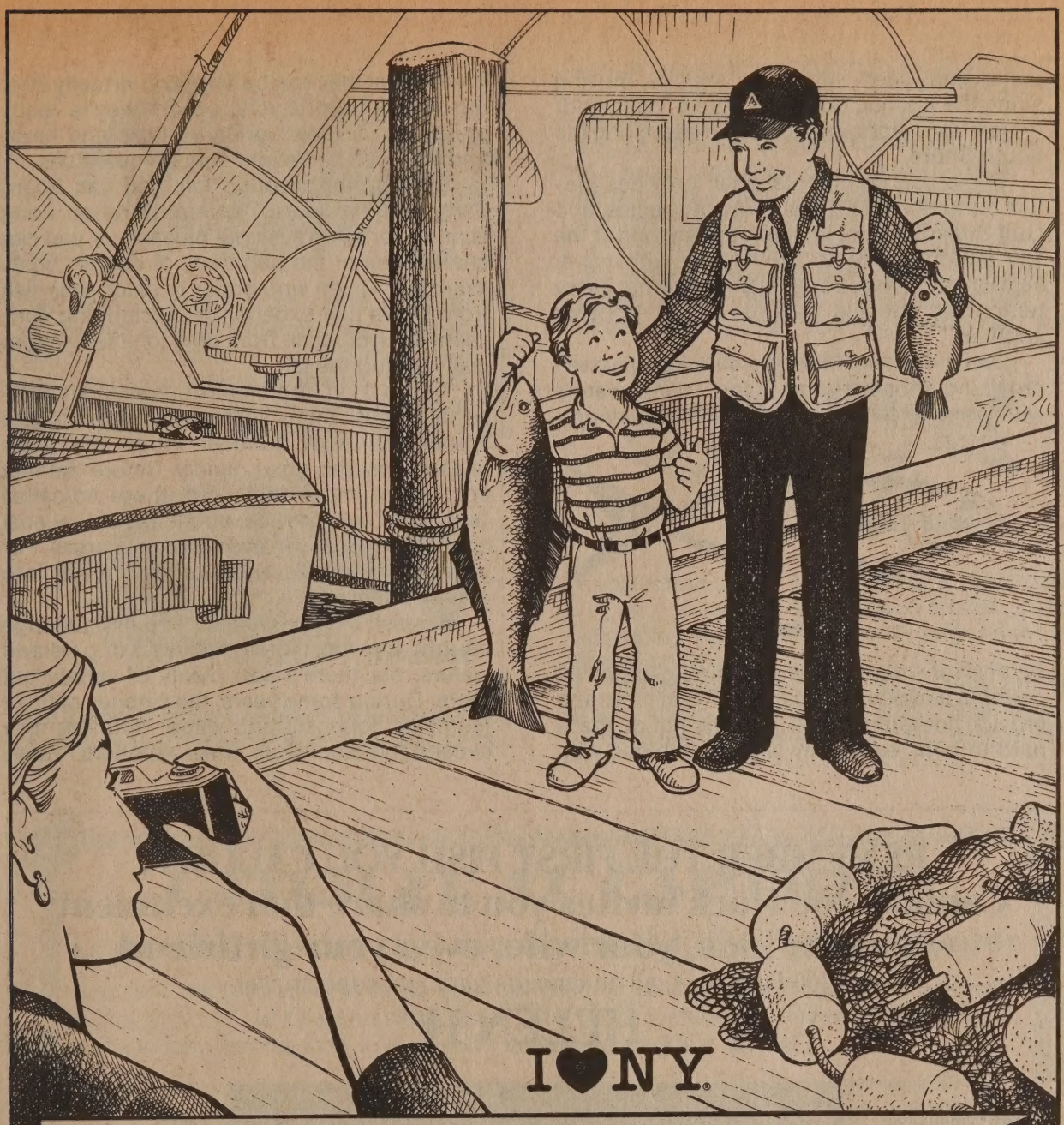
You can order *Practical Fishing Knots* ($9.95 plus $1.50 postage and handling) through The Fisherman Library, c/o The Fisherman Magazine, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963.

There are several excellent books currently in print that detail many different type rigs, and I suggest you also check some of them out before spending a lot of cash on terminal equipment.

Vic Dunaway's *Complete Book of Baits, Rigs & Tackle* sells for $4.95 in paperback (from Wickstrom Publishers Incorporated, 2701 South Bayshore Drive, Suite 501, Miami, FL 33133) is a real good source for anglers who want to learn the various rigs for fresh and salt water and in addition, has chapters covering tackle, lines and hooks.

Vlad Evanoff, no stranger to Northeast Coastal anglers, has *Fishing Rigs for Fresh and Saltwater*, which also covers the subject of rig tying in depth with detailed text and superb illustrations. From Harper & Row Publishers and available at leading book stores. *Fishing Rigs for Fresh and Saltwater* sells for $8.95.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Terminal End Series. If you have additional questions or wish to obtain information on a specific rig, please contact me through The Fisherman, 339 Herbertsville Raod, Bricktown, NJ 08724. I'll try to respond as quickly as humanly possible.



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Most experts agree — when it comes to fishing — it's hard to beat Long Island! To be sure, the waters off Long Island have been fished intensively by both commercial and sport fishermen for many decades. However, nature has made Long Island a natural fish trap and blessed us with a large

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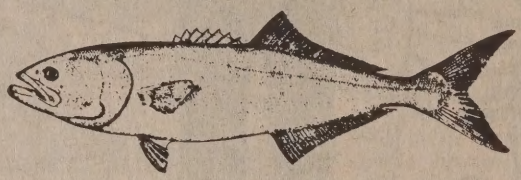
continental shelf. Migratory species moving along the Atlantic Coast come to a "dead end" in New York Bight, and then turn east along the South Shore.

The broad continental shelf provides perfect conditions for a vast array of species, and Gulf Stream waters jut into our canyons at the 100 fathom curve to provide us with many semi-tropical fish. Long Island has what every temperate species desires at one spot or another.

Ever since the 1950s, the bluefish has been providing those fishing Long Island waters with some of the finest salt water challenges.



BLUEFISH

Bluefish are relatively large (ranging to over 20 pounds) and powerful game fish that jump and provide fine eating. That's a combination that's hard to beat, especially when combined with the fact that they can be caught in virtually all of our waters from bays to ocean, they're ready strikers on a great variety of baits and lures, and they can be caught in huge quantities.

From spring through fall, you can board party boats at any of several ports on Long Island in order to seek out bluefish, or you can charter one of the hundreds of charter boats available. Those who prefer to catch their fish from shore can experience outstanding surf-casting for bluefish from time to time — especially during the fall.

To top it off, the bluefish provide an additional bonus. Blues spawned offshore in late spring and early summer move into Long Island bays and grow rapidly. Before the first cold snaps move them out, these so-called "snappers" will provide a bonanza of low-cost action from docks in even back bay areas. For youngsters, this is an ideal way to get into marine angling.

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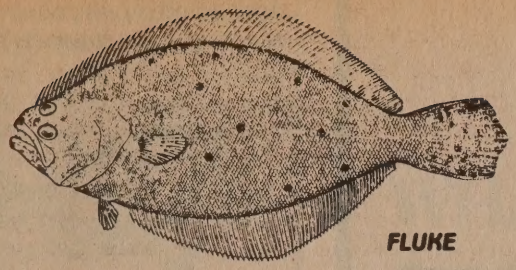
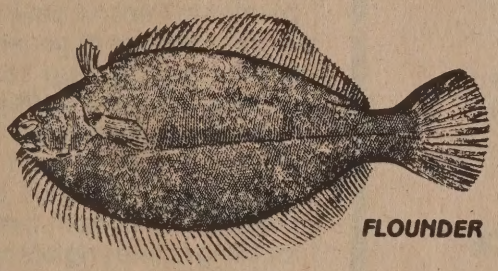


FLUKE

two most important flatfish have opposite life styles that provide fishermen with year-round action. Like most fish in our waters, fluke arrive in the spring and depart in the fall. However, the winter flounder leaves the bays to summer offshore in cooler waters before returning in the



FLOUNDER

fall to winter in the bay muds before spawning and repeating the cycle. Both flounders can be caught in significant numbers by anglers fishing protected bay waters — though fluke are also very abundant just off the beaches. Ironically, as formerly outstanding fluke fisheries to the south have died out in recent years, that fishery in the Long Island area has been up to the standards of the "good old days."

Though never taken in such huge numbers, the striped bass has always been the most prized of Long Island's inshore game fish. As striper fishing has declined elsewhere, the

STRIPED BASS

Long Island striper fishery remains abundant. It's hard to beat — especially in the fall. Long Island has produced stripers as large as those found anywhere.

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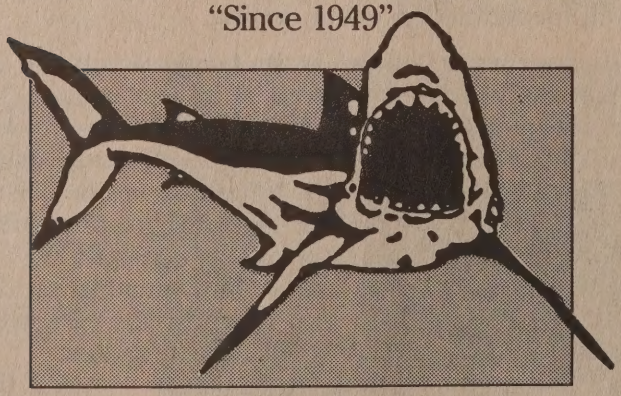

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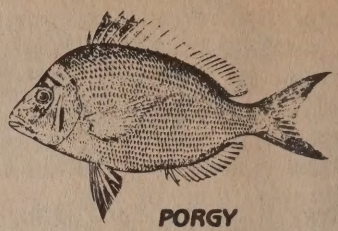
which are both delicious to eat and often very abundant. Montauk is particularly noted



PORGY

for the large porgies that gather in the rips off the point. There's also an excellent spring spawning run of porgies in Peconic Bay, and large quantities of generally smaller porgies are found throughout the summer there and in Gardiner's Bay and Long Island Sound.

Blackfish (tautog) also provide fine bottom fishing for Long Island anglers, with the prime seasons being spring and fall. That's when these fish move into inshore waters and can be found around rocky bottoms or structures like wrecks, piers and bridges. Long Island Sound is one giant blackfish

BLACKFISH

reef, with many outstanding spots such as Eaton's Neck off Huntington. It can be even better to the east, where boats out of Greenport, Orient and Sag Harbor fish such areas as Plum Gut, Plum Island, Little and Great Gull Islands, Gardiner's Island and Mad Dog Reef off Fisher's Island. Many Montauk charter boats specialize in catching blacks averaging 5 to 10 pounds at Southwest Ledge off Block Island in October and November. Blackfishing along

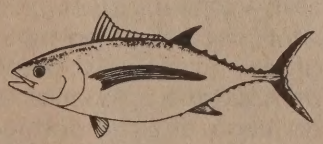
the South Shore is primarily on shallow water wrecks, though there are some good areas within the western bays. Sheepshead Bay party boats catch some of the biggest blacks of the year in December and January in the depths at 17 Fathoms and the Farms in New York Bight.

Weakfishing is a very challenging sport. Great spring spawning runs in Peconic and Great South Bays have produced very large and tasty specimens.

WEAKFISH

The average size of spring weakfish is about 8 to 12 pounds, and many larger tide-runners are boated at that time. Long Island provides hot days of weakfishing from the last week in June through July, and there are often periods of good action from then into September in New York Bight and Long Island Sound.

Among the many other species which please Long Island inshore anglers are the speedy little tunny



ALBACORE

(known locally as false albacore) and bonito, both of which are most common from August into October. These members of the tuna family provide offshore thrills on appropriately light tackle with their long, high speed runs. Little tunny even

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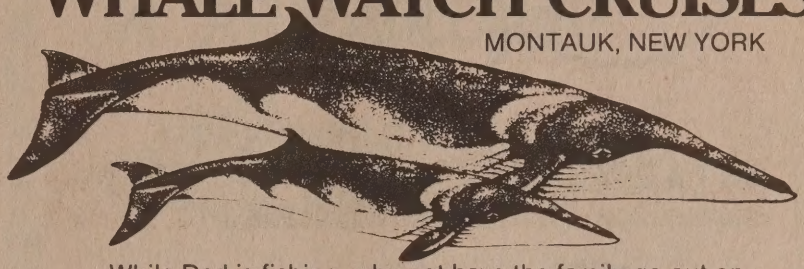

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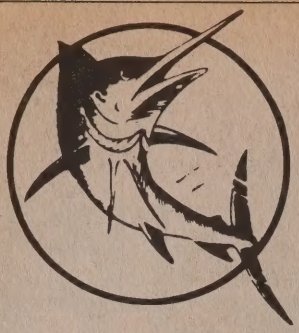

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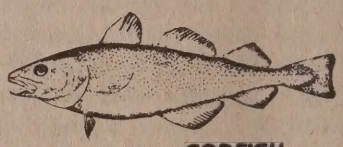
Long Island fishing hardly slows down in cold water periods. The cod is a major winter attraction from Montauk to Sheepshead Bay. The attraction of catching a 40 or 50-pounder on one of the many offshore wrecks continues to turn out anglers throughout the winter on party boats sailing on a daily basis from Captree, Freeport and Point Lookout. At Montauk, codfishing is a year-round sport. The best fishing occurs during the



CODFISH

spring inshore run off Block Island and south of Montauk on the Cartwright and C.I.A. Grounds — and during the summer at Cox's Ledge, 40 miles to the east. Many charter boats schedule special two-day trips in the spring and fall to the finest codfishing grounds within reach at Little Georges Bank. Some halibut, wolffish and haddock are also taken there.

Pollock is another popular cold water species which attract Long Island anglers. These 20 to 40-pound mem-

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bers of the cod family are abundant on deep water offshore wrecks all year, and are also taken by Montauk party and charter boats during a spring run off Block Island. Another winter attraction closer to shore is the whiting (silver hake) and ling (red hake) fishery. These fish can often be caught at night from jetties and piers. Mackerel provide great action for party boat patrons on the South Shore in the

POLLOCK

spring, and there are also short runs in Peconic Bay and Long Island Sound.

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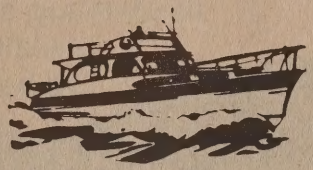

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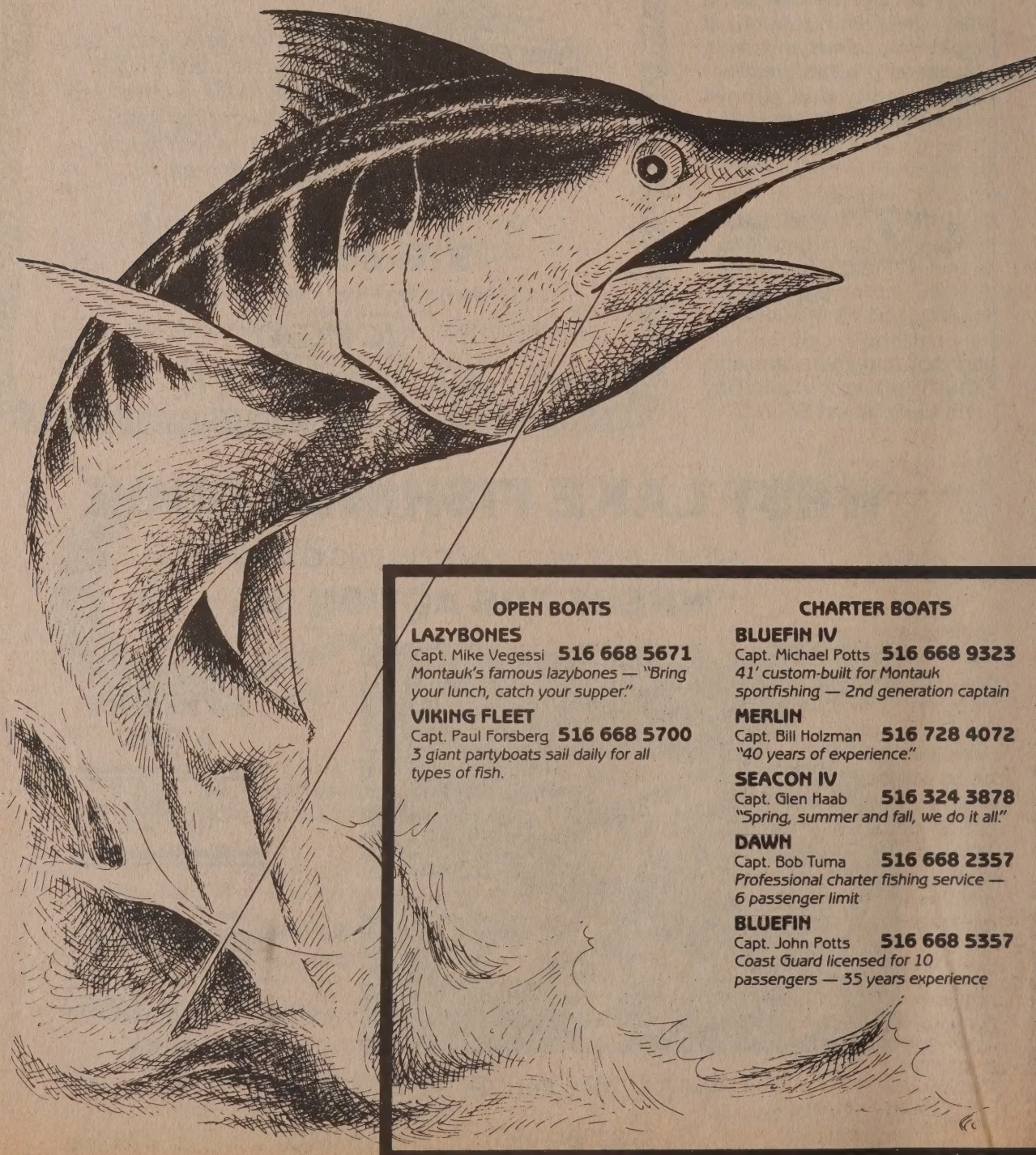

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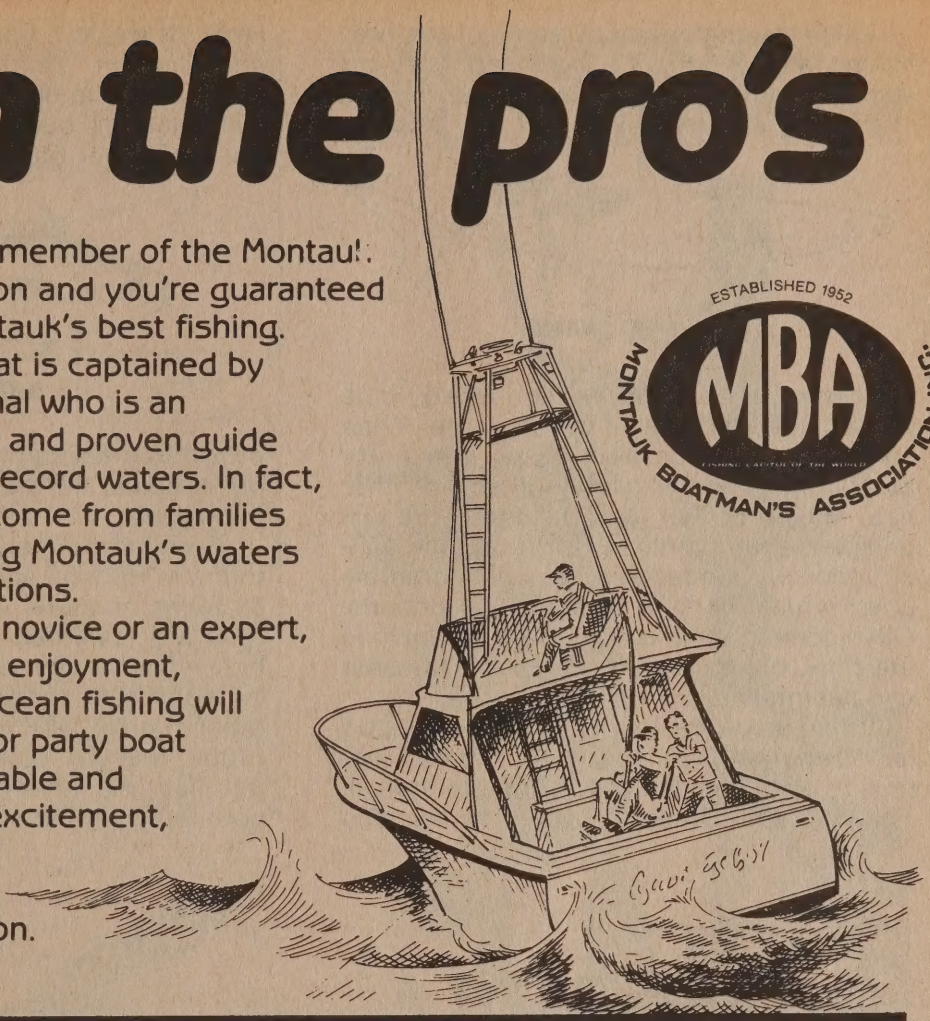

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Tuna are a major attraction for Long Island anglers. Giant bluefins arrive off Montauk in June and can be caught into the fall. Then there's another run of giants in the Mud Hole off western Long Island in September and October. Though most of our giants average 400 to 600 pounds, several of over 1000 pounds have been taken from both areas. School bluefins and yellowfin tuna

BLUE FIN TUNA

provide a great summer and early fall fishery off Montauk, and are also often found west to Fire Island.

Even more consistent tuna fishing can be found in Hudson and Block Canyons, about 80 miles offshore. Those making the long runs are rewarded with great numbers of bigeye, yellowfin and albacore tuna. The canyons also provide a shot at the many other species which may, or may not, come further inshore. Blue and white marlin, dolphinfish and wahoo are all commonly encountered. Of these, only the white marlin is

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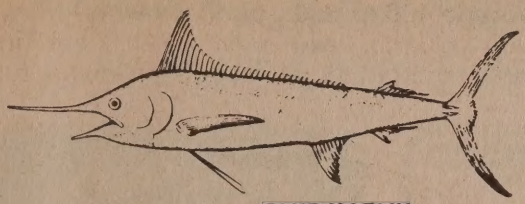

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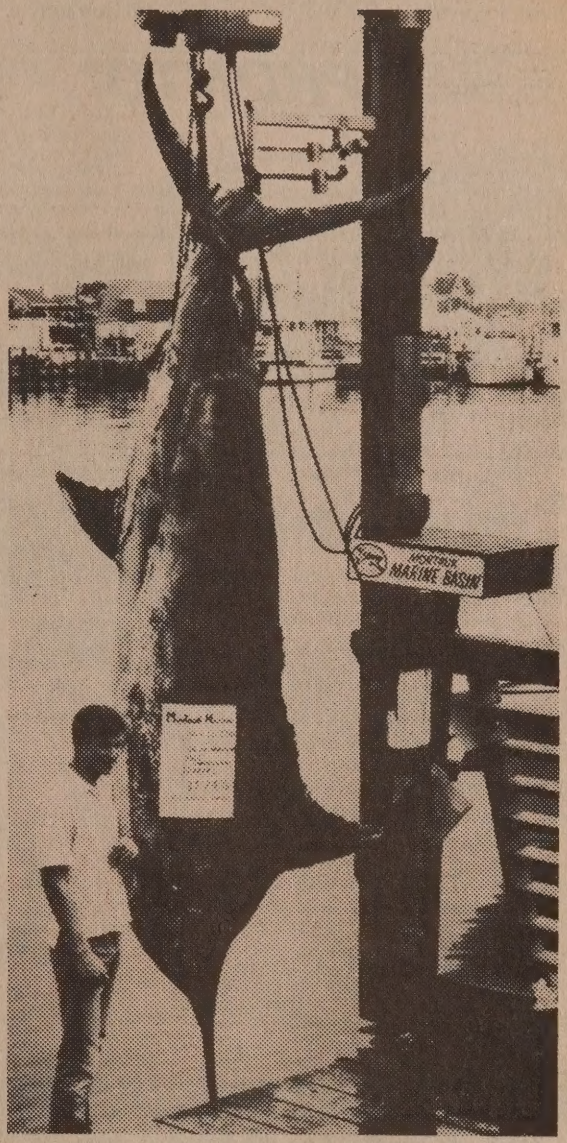

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Part One—retold by Matt Ahern

Dannie Keating was a happy man that night! Under the light of the winter stars he drew her to him, and down the shady side of the street they came, caring no more for the whistling wind than for whatever curious eyes might, from behind drawn blinds, be peeping. "If anybody's rubbering, they're all sore," said Dannie, and broke the night air with—he simply couldn't help it—with snatches of tuneful songs of love.

The blood was running riot within him. "Don't I love you, Katie? Don't I? And don't you? And don't we both?" and in the shadow of the steps of her home he drew her yet closer to him and kissed her—kissed her—a thousand time he kissed her before she could draw a free breath again.

"And in the morning, Katie, I'll be putting out. You won't see me, it'll be so early. And it'll be the last trip in that old packet, though maybe I shouldn't say that of her that's earned a good bit of money for me—earned enough to pay for the new one, Katie—the new one that'll be ready for me the next trip in. And then, Katie, dear, we'll see—as good as anything of her length and beam out the port. And have you picked a name for her yet? Yes? The Dannie Keating, indeed! No, no, I've got a ten times better one—and you'd never guess, I'll bet. And **she'll be** a vessel! Every cent that you saved for me, dear, went into her."

"You saved it yourself, Dannie."

"I saved? Lord bless you, Katie, how much would ever I save if I hadn't turned it over to you as fast as I made it? How much did I save before I met you? A whole lot, warn't it, now? Why, girl, the very oilskins I used to wear would be drawn against my next trip. But it doesn't matter which of us—every cent the pair of us have saved has gone into her. And she'll **be** a vessel, and then, if any man sailing out of port thinks to make me take my mains'l in..."

"Hush, Dannie, don't begin by being reckless. And I wish you weren't going out in the Pantheon again. She's so old, Dannie, and not the vessel for a winter trip to Georges."

"Well, there is better. But she's been a good vessel to me, dear, and that means to you, too. And only one more trip, and then the fast and saucy—the handsome Katie Morrison."

He parted from her after that, her heart jumping and herself all but running after him. Up the street she watched him swing, so straight and strong. Oh, but the shoulders of him! and the spring to his every stride. Then she breathed a prayer for him and went upstairs to her bed.

But she could not sleep. All night long she tossed; whatever it was possessed her; and before dawn she got up to watch by the window. Oh, the times that she had watched from behind the curtains—before she knew him well, that was—and he never suspecting!

And he came at last. It was but five o'clock then, and dark—a winter morning. But she needed no light. Long before she could make out his figure she knew his footfall. How lightly he trod for so big a man—to his toes at every stride, as a strong man should. No doubt or hesitation there—a man to go winter fishing that, and enjoy every whistling breath of it. And he was singing! "O sweetheart, dear, I love thee!"

When a man sings a love song at five o'clock of a winter's morning... She thew on her mother's cashmere shawl and ran down.

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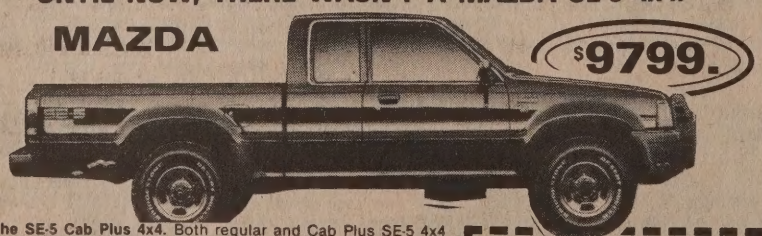

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more to the top step. "Katie; Katie—and this cold morning!"

"I couldn't let you go by without saying good luck again, Dannie."

"Oh, the girl!" He patted her head and drew her to him till he felt her lips making warm little circles against his neck.

"Dannie?"

"I wish you'd stay home this trip. The Pantheon is old."

"Old? So she is. Not the vessel the Katie'll be—not by a dozen ratings. But Lord, Katie, I've been through too many blows in her for you to be worrying now, dear."

"I know it, Dannie, and yet I wish you weren't going this trip."

"Well, I wish I warn't myself. I'd like nothing better than to be staying home this month and watching the new one building—to overhaul every plank and bolt and thread of oakum that's put into her. All day long watch her building, and every night come and tell you how she's getting on, the pair of us side by side before the fire. That'd beat winter fishing on Georges; fighting your way out of shoal water when it comes a no'the-easter, and chopping ice off her when it comes a no'wester. Yes, dear, it certainly would be a comfort—home here with you and watching the Katie building. But we can't both have comfort, dear. You to home and me to sea we'll have to be for many more years yet, dear. I'll go out this trip as I went out a hundred of others before. When I'm back—why, t'will be worth the trip, dear, that coming back to you."

"I'll be walking Main Street as soon as I hear you're in, Dannie."

"Then the old Pantheon won't be long tied to the dock before somebody'll be making flying leaps up the wharf. There, there, dear, this one trip and then it'll be Mrs. Dannie Keating and a month ashore—hah, what! There's the girl! But God bless you, dear, and keep you till I'm home again."

"Good luck, Dannie. There, but oh, Dannie?"

"Yes?"

"Don't go yet—just a minute more, dear."

He patted her cheek and dried her eyes, and when she wouldn't stop sobbing, he unbuttoned his coat and made her rest her head on his breast. Her ear against the blue flannel shirt, she could feel his heart. And it was a heart—like all of himself, full of strength. A cold winter's morning it was, but here all fire. He was right; it would be a storm indeed when he went under. And yet—she could not help it—she broke into sobbing again.

"What is it now?"

"Oh, Dannie, last night after you left I heard my father telling that another vessel had been given up for lost. Did you know?"

"I've heard, dear."

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''I know, dear, I know. But hush now—there's the girl. And don't worry about me. Though they come masthead high and toss us like a pine chip, I've only to think of you, Katie, here in the doorway looking down the street after me—a last look for me before I turn the corner. Only to think of that, and I'll laugh—laugh out loud at them. 'Come on, you green-backed devils!' I'll say—'come on! You'd overpower us, would you? Higher yet, high as the clouds if you want, and the old Pantheon she'll ride you down.' And she will, too, Katie—the Pantheon's a wonder hove-to. Yes, Katie, only last trip I hollered like that to 'em one night, and...''

''Oh, but you musn't Dannie, it's like boasting.''

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''Well, dear, don't talk that way again. And go now, while I'm strong to let you. Good luck, Dannie—and don't forget--''

''Forget what, Katie?''

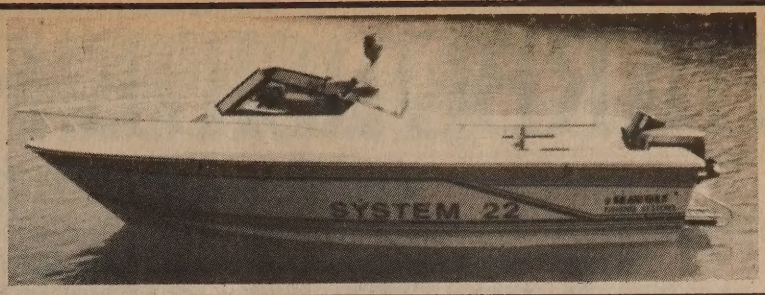
''You know what.''

''Oh, well, tell me just the same—and don't forget what?'' And he laughed in advance to hear her say it. And she whispered it, and he came nigh to crushing her as he heard.

''And don't I love you, too, Katie?''

''I know it, Dannie. Only with me, if you don't come back I can never love anybody else again—never, never, never. I love you, Dannie.''

''And do I love you, Katie? Do I? Do I catch my breath and walk the deck on the long black winter nights because I can't sleep—driving and fighting, days and nights? Tired out I ought to be, but no more tired than the roaring sea itself. Thinking of you, Katie, thinking of you. But I'm off now, dear and don't forget—No need to say what, is there? But tell it again? And sure I will, dear. Whisper''—and he retold it again. And she, loving to love, loving to be loved, could not see to let him go for another while. ''And will I come home again? Will I? Did I come a hundred times before? Or was it my ghost? Aye, a healthy ghost. But say a prayer for me just the same. God bless you, Katie Morrison, I'm off.''



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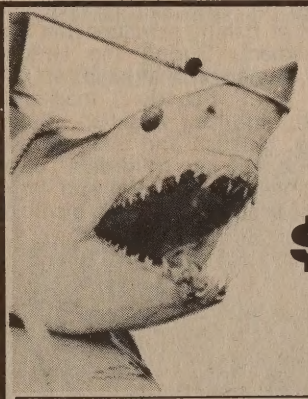

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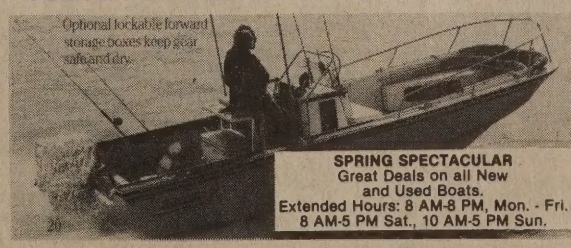

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HARBORSIDE FLATTIES

by Tom Schlichter

Mt. Sinai Harbor affords anglers from boat and shore access to some pretty respectable flounder fishing.

Down, down, down, the winding road twisted past majestic houses as it snaked its way toward what I knew must be the Long Island Sound. I placed the car in neutral and began to coast. The refreshing breath of the sea was on the wind and I just knew there had to be a fishable location nearby. Having recently moved from the south shore to the mid-island area, I was out looking specifically for new fishing holes close to my new abode. A few local youths had mentioned that they did quite well from a dock at the mouth of Mt. Sinai Harbor and so I had set out to see if that location would indeed fulfill my needs. Now, as I rounded a curve and came up behind a car with two fishing poles extended out the side window, I knew I was on the right track.

As the road leveled off, I got my first glimpse of the harbor. It was relatively small, compared to Port Jefferson Harbor, but it did look big enough to provide some good fishing. As I wound my way around the backside of the harbor and toward its mouth, I marveled at the colorful sailboats and several good sized fishing boats framed beautifully against the mellow backdrop that were the hills. "How could I have lived on Long Island for almost 20 years and not have found my way here before?"

Once a major whaling center, Mt. Sinai Harbor couldn't by any stretch of the imagination be considered a well-kept secret among Long Island anglers. However, considering its attributes, it does not receive the attention or fishing pressure that one might expect. During the various seasons, anglers working this port can connect with flounder, mackerel, blackfish, porgies, weakfish, fluke, snappers, bluefish and even striped bass. Sporting a children's playground, plenty of parking and large stretch of beach on which to picnic or throw a frisbee, this is an ideal location for a family trip.

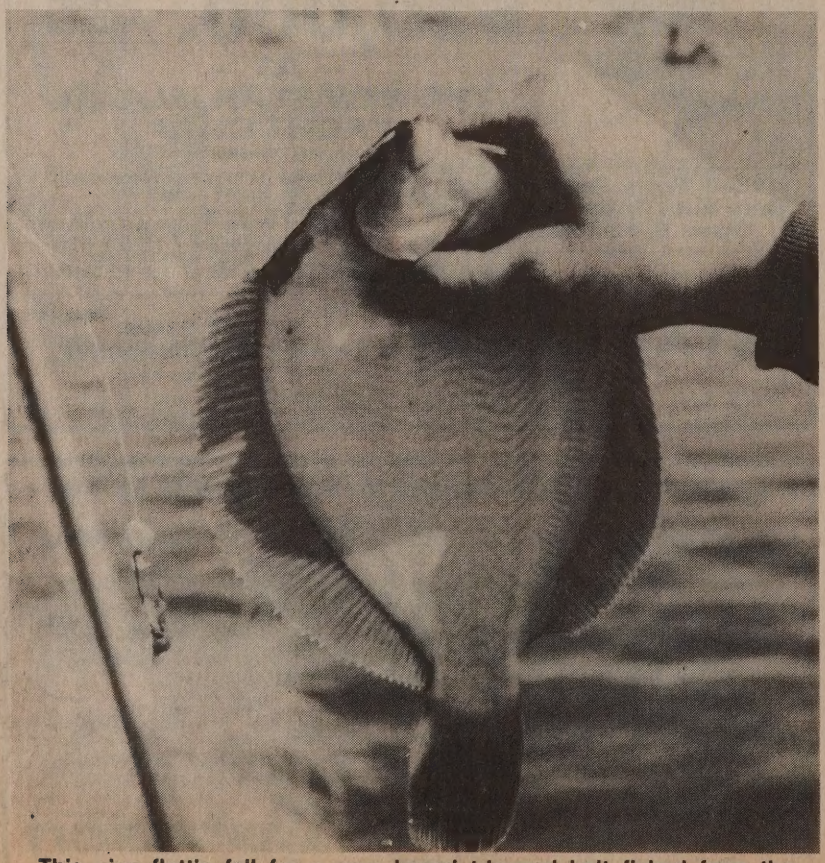
As mentioned, a variety of species can be taken at Mt. Sinai. Our concerns for today, however, will center on the availability of spring (blackback) flounder. Despite its wide following on the south shore and even at some north shore locations, the flattie is one of the most under-utilized fish that can be taken at this port.

Usually starting in the deeper pockets inside the harbor, flounder fishing at this port gets under way in mid to late April. A good way to predict the start of the action is to watch the catches at Shinnecock Canal. When they begin to slow down, the action at Mt. Sinai should be just heating up. At the height of the season, shorebound anglers can expect to catch a dozen or so flatties apiece on half a tide. Boaters may double that score. Most of the fish inside the harbor are medium sized. A two pounder is very large and the average is probably around 3/4 lbs. I can't remember ever seeing a fish larger than 2.5 lbs. taken here but as long as the smaller guys are plentiful, it's not hard to get enough fillets to feed the family.

The best fishing usually occurs on incoming tides, according to the staff at Ralph's Fishing Station, which rents skiffs to fish the harbor and adjacent sound waters. When the water is up, it's possible to work the mud flats at the back of the harbor. During low tide, these are mostly inaccessible to boaters.

It seems that no matter where you find them, flounder will fall for the same time-honored rigs and baits and the fish here are no exception. Boaters will find the standard tandem hook flounder rig with a pair of #10 Chestertowns or wide gaps works quite well. This rig is best baited with a 2 to 3 inch segment of sandworm or thin strip of clam. A light to medium strength spinning or conventional setup, capable of handling 2 to 3 ounces of sinker, serves nicely unless you fish in the inlet area. Here, slightly sturdier tackle will better deal with the strong currents. Bank fishermen working the muddy back section of the harbor can get away with the same setups and rigs as the boaters, but those working near the inlet will find a few slight changes just might increase their scores.

The first change that I would recommend for inlet anglers is to sub-



This nice flattie fell for a corn kernel trimmed bait fished from the harbor's shore.

stitute a 2 oz. pyramid sinker for the standard bank style most often used. Most of the bottom you will be working here is sand and the strong currents near the inlet area will simply roll those bank sinkers along the bottom. The pyramids, on the other hand, will likely dig in and anchor your baits so that the flatties can at least have a shot at them.

The second major change is to go with blue mussels as your bait. Clams and worms will take some fish, of course, but the inlet jetty is crammed full of blue and bank mussels and thus, these are what the flatties will most likely be feeding upon. Using mussels does present a problem in itself, namely, how do you keep them from falling off the hook when casting or fishing through a strong portion of the tide? The answer is to open several mussels before you begin fishing, and leave them in the sun to dry out a bit. Fifteen minutes to half an hour is usually plenty of time for the sun to toughen them up. I usually open a dozen or so mussels upon my arrival, then begin setting up. By the time I'm ready to start fishing, the bait is ready to be strung on the hook. Between bites, you can always open a few more to keep your reserve supply up to demand. Although the inlet dock is quite productive, I've had better luck at the sandy point just prior to the inlet.

Brookhaven residents with a valid town sticker on their car can use these facilities for free. Other anglers must pay $10 to gain entry into the park. By the way, the entrance fee is refundable if you choose to rent a boat from the fishing station.

In addition to a beautiful fishing dock which lines the east jetty at the mouth of the harbor, there is a boat launching ramp and rental boat station. The ramp will cost $15 to use if you are not a town resident. Residents should purchase a season launching pass from Brookhaven Town Hall. Those who launch here can fish inside the harbor, local sound waters, or travel to the east for snowshoe flounder. The big flatties are found as close as the Shoreham pipeline, which is only about 7 miles east of the harbor mouth. (This area is also an excellent bet for taking outlandish sized tog.) This, however, is a trip best reserved for boats of at least 17' in length. Because the sound can quickly rough up when the wind begins to blow, small craft operators should stay in more local waters.

To get to Mt. Sinai Harbor (Cedar Beach) from Long Island Expressway, take Patchogue-Mt. Sinai Road north all the way to the end. Make a left turn (west) and take Rt. 25A west to Mt. Sinai-Coram Rd. north. Proceed until you reach North Country Rd. where you must turn right (east). Take North Country Rd. east for approximately 3 miles to Pipe Stave Hollow Rd. north. This will lead to Harbor Beach Rd. At the extreme west end of Harbor Beach Rd. is Cedar Beach.

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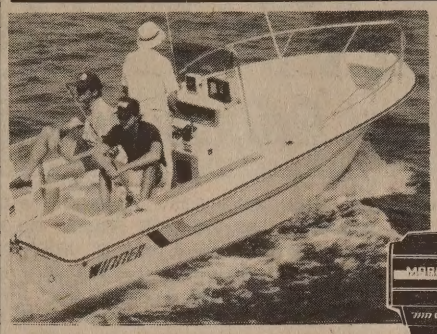

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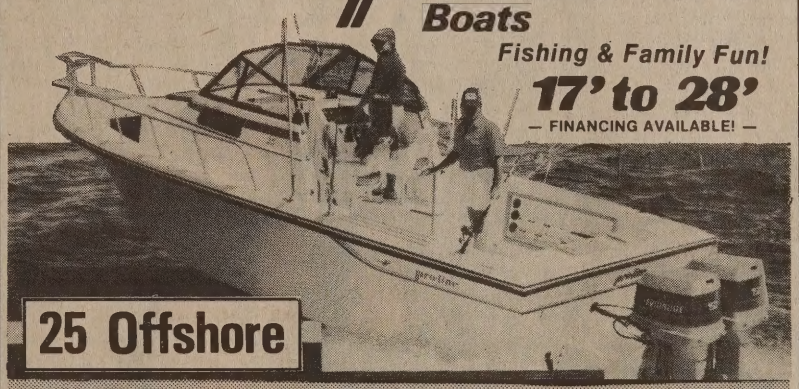

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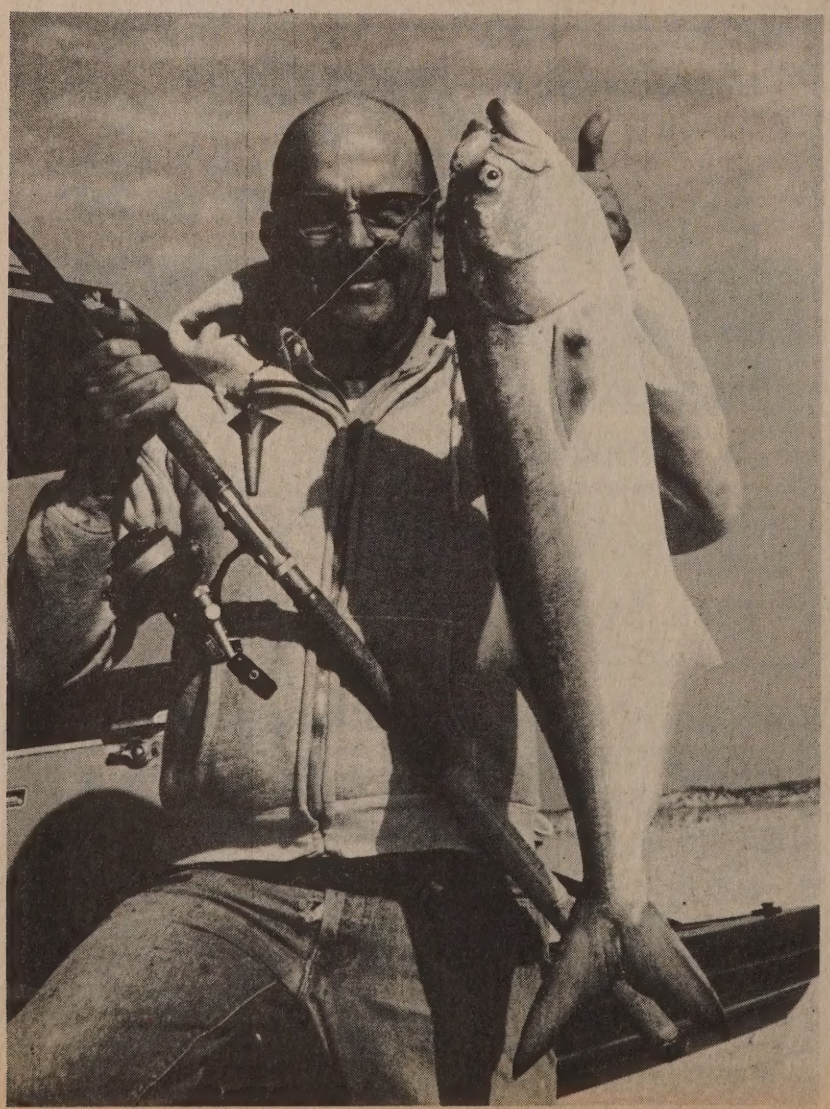
MACKEREL FOR NOW AND LATER

by Eric Burnley

Each year we publish several articles dealing with the annual mackerel run along our coast. We detail how to catch them from private, charter and head boats. We predict when and where they will show up. We recommend what type of tackle to use and we usually end up by telling you not to take more fish than you can use.

It seems most of us remember all but the last part about not taking more than you can use. When the fish are coming in three and four at a time and the deck is covered with mackerel, the average angler turns into a demon with a lust for catching fish that would cause a trawl captain to blush. After the frenzy is over and every possible container on the boat is filled to overflowing, we begin to realize what a grave mistake we have made. I have been on mackerel trips where every man went home with over 100 fish and we quit early. No one wants to clean 100 of any type of fish and they certainly don't want to clean 100 mackerel. While this task is long and arduous, it must be done and the fish you have taken must be put to good use. Dumping them in the first garbage container you can find on your way home is not putting them to good use.



Early season bluefish will take mackerel baits on a floated hook.

Preparing mackerel for use begins as soon as they are caught. Like all fish, they keep longer and stay fresher when put on ice. As soon as you can, after the fish are caught put them in a cooler and cover them with ice. Most of us live an hour or more away from where we fish and by the time we get home the fish will be thoroughly chilled and ready for cleaning.

The most efficient way to clean a mess of fish is to make it a group project. Two or three people working together can go through several hundred mackerel in an hour where one poor smuck working alone may take several hours to do half as many fish. It is something like Tom Sawyer's whitewashed fence. If you pretend you're having fun, others will want to join in so they can share the festivities.

Mackerel are a bloody, oily fish. You must remove as much of these substances as possible even if you plan to use the fish for bait.

I do not use whole mackerel unless they are very small. Any fish over 10 or 12 inches long is filleted and the fillets are deposited in a five gallon bucket half full of water. I keep putting fillets in the bucket until the water overflows, then I rinse the fish thoroughly before putting them into another 5 gallon bucket. When they are in the second bucket, I use a hose to fill it up while I stir the fish around. I keep doing this operation until the water running out of the bucket is reasonably clean. You cannot remove all the blood and oil but you can get 95 percent of it out with this procedure. Don't keep the hose running full force; just use enough pressure to maintain a steady water flow over the fillets.

You will find most of the larger mackerel are filled with roe. If you plan to eat this delicacy you must use a bit of caution when opening the fish so you don't cut the egg sac. I find the best method is to slit the belly from the throat down to the anus without burying the blade deep into the body cavity. The roe will almost jump out and all you have to do it cut it away from the stomach wall. Set the roe aside in a deep dish partly filled with

cold water. I enjoy it the next morning fried in butter.

One word of caution when frying any roe sac, be sure to prick the skin a few times so the air and water trapped inside can escape as the roe is cooking. Failure to do this can result in an explosion that not only coats the kitchen with sticky fish eggs, but can cause severe burns to the cook. I learned this lesson the hard way.

There are several ways to prepare mackerel for the table. Over the years I have found broiling them to be the most satisfactory. Each fillet is marinated in store-bought Italian salad dressing for one half hour, then placed skin side down on the broiler pan. It only takes five minutes or so to cook the fish and they are usually done when the top begins to turn brown.

Another recipe I have tried is baking the fish in aluminum foil. You simply put the fillets on a sheet of heavy duty aluminum foil and cover them with onions, peppers, lemon slices or whatever you can think of. Seal the foil over the fish and bake for one half hour at 350 degrees. Test the fish to see if it flakes and serve with some crusty bread.

Many people like to smoke their fish and mackerel are particularly well suited for this type of cooking. You should skin the fish, remove all the bones and the dark meat. The next step is to soak the fish in a brine. Gary Diamond makes the finest smoked fish I have ever eaten and his brine solution is the key to its wonderful flavor. The ingredients for 25 pounds of fillets are:

2 qts. water
3/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup non-iodized salt
2 tbs Old Bay
2 tbs lemon juice
1 tsp garlic powder
2 tbs onion bits

Soak overnight in the refrigerator. Spray broiler pan with Pam and bake at 325 degrees for 25 minutes. Smoke using hickory chips 3 to 5 hours.

The only problem with mackerel as table fare is its very short freezer life. I fillet, skin and remove the dark meat from the fish before freezing in a bad with water, but after three months the mackerel are too strong for my taste. For those who enjoy a more robust flavor from their fish dinner, I suppose you could keep the mackerel around for six months or more.

Most of the mackerel in my freezer are designed to be used as bait. This does not mean I simply toss them in without proper preparation. I spend as much time on the mackerel I plan to use as bait as I do on the mackerel I plan to eat.

I use the same filleting and washing procedure when I clean the fish but instead of putting them in a bag with water, I put them in a bag with some Kosher salt. I pour the Kosher salt into a plastic freezer bag, then drop two or three fillets in and shake them together until the fish is covered with salt. You can put more fillets in each bag, but I find I use two or three per trip and I don't waste bait by thawing out more than I need.

When freezing whole mackerel I put one or two in each bag and coat them with Kosher salt in the same manner as the fillets. If you use only small mackerel, under 12 inches, as whole baits, I think you will find them easier to rig. In addition, most of the sharks or billfish you are trying to catch will have a much easier time taking the bait which should improve your hook-up ratio.

Mackerel can be used to catch almost anything that swims in the ocean. I have taken blues, sea trout, flounder, sharks, billfish, tuna and dolphin on mackerel baits and I am sure other fish would be inclined to dine on this delicacy if it was presented to them.

I find mackerel to be a particularly effective bait early in the season. The first run of blues in the surf will jump all over a cut piece of mackerel on a floated hook. A strip of mackerel can entice the often fickle weakfish into hitting your bucktail and mackerel strips fished on a double hook rig will account for a doormat or two each spring.

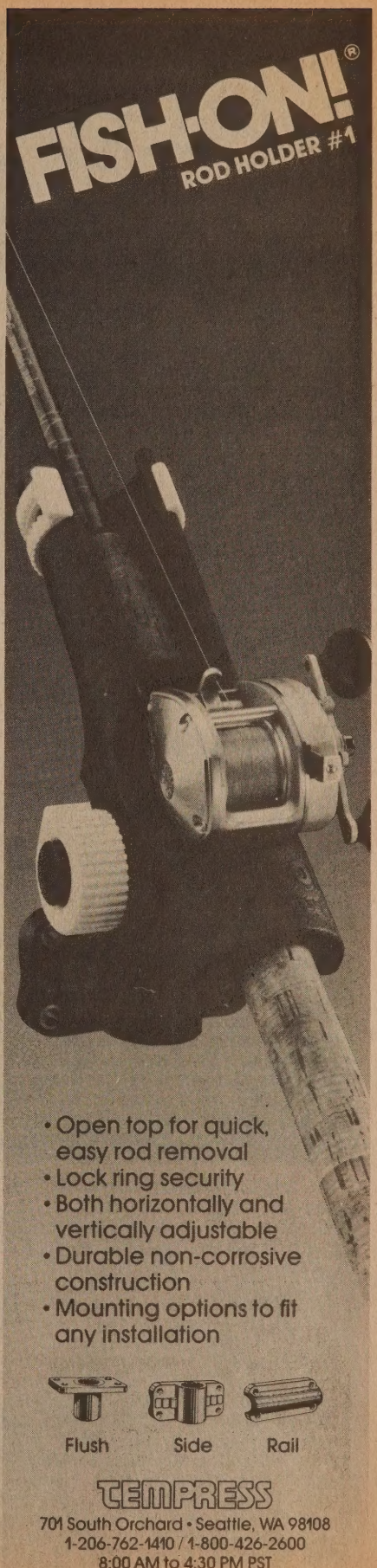
When you cut your fillets for bait try to get strips out of the white belly and use the thicker pieces along the back as chunks. If you want the back pieces as strips it is a good idea to remove some of the meat so the baits will flutter in the current.

Whole mackerel or fillets can be used as trolling baits or drifted for sharks. I use the fillets to decorate Japanese feathers or as strip baits behind a green or red rubber skirt. I have rigged whole mackerel as swimmers, but this is a lot of work and the results never justified the effort.

Shark fishermen drift fillets or whole mackerel under their floats. You must be careful when rigging these baits not to place the hook into a position that will allow the offering to spin. This is also true with trolled baits.

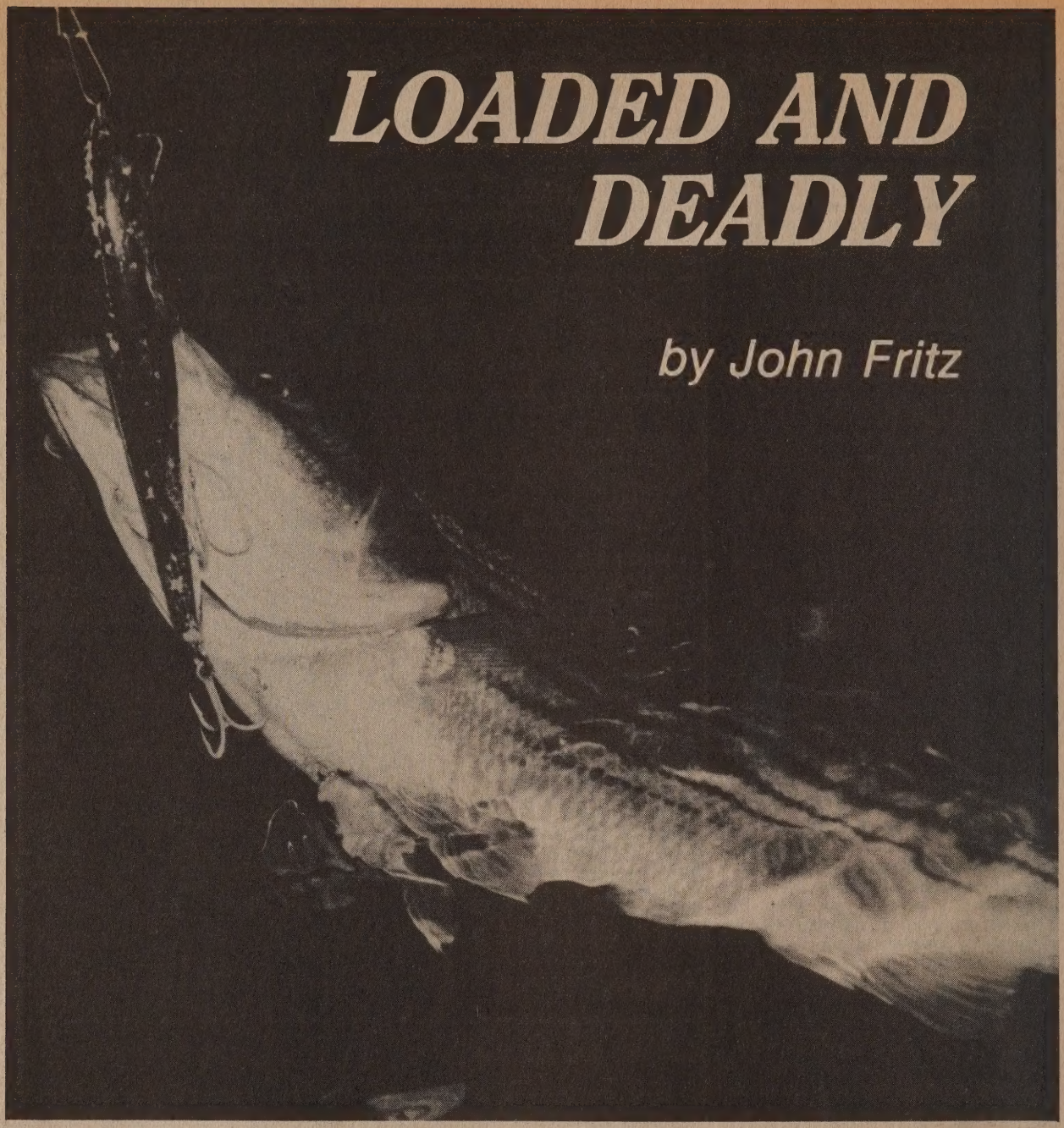
Finally, there is mackerel chum. I have tried to prepare these fish with a manually operated meat grinder and the results were rather poor. I would suggest you use an electric grinder or take your catch to someone who does this and work out a deal. Most chum is put up in five gallon buckets, so you will need a lot of freezer space to store enough for several trips. I expect mackerel would work well when chunking for tuna, but once again you may run out of space if you try to put up enough for several offshore trips.

We are fortunate to have an abundance of mackerel off our coast and it is unlikely that recreational fishermen will ever deplete the stocks. This does not mean that we can waste the resource, no matter how abundant it may be. Catch all the mackerel you want, but be sure to use all the mackerel you catch.



LOADED AND DEADLY

by John Fritz



The minnow-shaped swimmer has been an integral component in the arsenal of the surf fisherman for several decades, probably since the adaptation of the spinning reel to surf fishing facilitated the casting of lightweight lures. Many improvements have been made to the original models, lures basically designed for use in sweet water. Probably the greatest innovation was the substitution of plastic for the various woods used in the early prototypes. Over the course of years, countless color combinations have been offered to the public. Furthermore, in an effort to better the competition, manufacturers have tried to discover the ultimate finish, one which fails to lose its luster when subjected to the rigors of saltwater fishing and the lack of attention fishing tackle receives after a day on the water. Today's plugs are the result of countless hours of experimentation and field testing, products guaranteed to catch and reasonably withstand the punishment meted out by hard-working anglers. While the majority of fishermen are content with the performance of these plugs as they come from the shelf, there are those who feel that further modification will give them that necessary edge when confronted with burly saltwater game fish.

Some anglers exchange split rings, substituting the original for those which resist saltwater induced corrosion and which retain their shape when subjected to the pressures of fighting powerful game fish. Most veteran surfmen will tinker with the hooks, eliminating some, substituting others, adding or deleting feathers and bucktail. All of these are external modifications, not violating the integrity of the plug itself, even though some alterations may affect the swimming action of the lure. There is a small segment of the surf fishing clan who feel the need to improve on the basic lure, piercing the outer shell to inject a liquid into the hollow core. The consequences are apparent: longer casts, lures that swim closer to the bottom and on occasion, a plug imparting an action not possible with the undoctored plug.

My introduction to loaded plugs occurred on Nantucket several years ago. It was my first trip with a surf fishing club I had recently joined. When conditions warranted, many

nighttime hours were spent casting wet Hellcats to fussy bass rolling on the surface. It was calm water fishing and even though countless stripers frolocked through the tide, it was difficult to induce a strike. An extensive selection of plugs was the norm, changing lures repeatedly, varying the retrieve, toying with different size snaps or eliminating them completely and tying direct. Of all the variations applied, none produced fish with more regularity than a loaded Hellcat. Under these particular conditions, the answer was a yellow Hellcat, with 4X strong hooks replacing the original trebles and loaded with tap water so that the plug barely floated in a pail of water. A working combination on the Isle of Nantucket in the past, but not necessarily the answer to unresponsive fish in every instance. Winds, tides, predominant bait, bottom structure and species sought all influence the choice of lure. A RedFin, loaded with 7ccs may prove unacceptable when used in an area laden with weed covered boulders.

Not all plugs lend themselves to such tinkering. In fact, of all the popular plugs used in this area only four are molded with a hollow body cavity: Super Strike's Needlefish and the following minnow-shaped swimmers: Whopper Stopper's Hellcat, Cotton Cordell's RedFin and the Bomber. While each contains the necessary void, not all are loaded in the same location: two are punctured through the top; the others receive their injection in the belly.

The RedFin is perforated through the top of the head, approximately one half inch to the rear of the eye. The Bomber is penetrated in a like manner, only the hole is further towards the tail of the plug, about 1¼ inches past the eye. Just so there is no misunderstanding, the eye to which I refer is the molded or painted eye on the side of the head, not the connecting eye in the nose of the lure. Whereas the former lures are filled through the top, the 5 inch Hellcat is holed through the bottom 1/4 inch forward of the middle or second treble hook. The Needlefish receives its injection through a hole center 1/4 inch to the rear of the belly hook.

Now that we have determined the position of the holes, let us proceed with what I believe to be the easiest method of gaining entry to the body cavity. I have found that a common safety pin, held in a pair of vise grips and heated with a BernzOmatic torch, performs this simple task with the greatest ease. The heated pinpoint pierces the plastic shell much like a hot knife through butter. After the fluid has been inserted, the pin can be reheated and used to blend or fuse the edges of the hole inward. If done correctly, this will reseal the opening instantly, negating the need of an epoxy glue and its lengthy drying time. Once the hole has been closed, test for leakage by shaking the plug over the palm of the hand.

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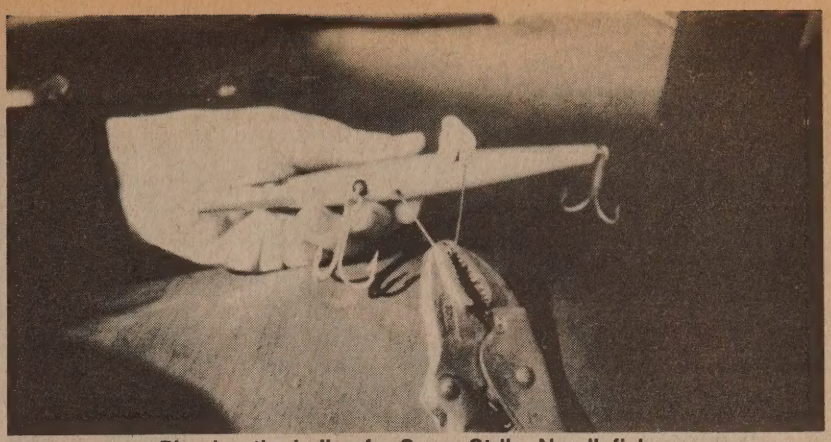
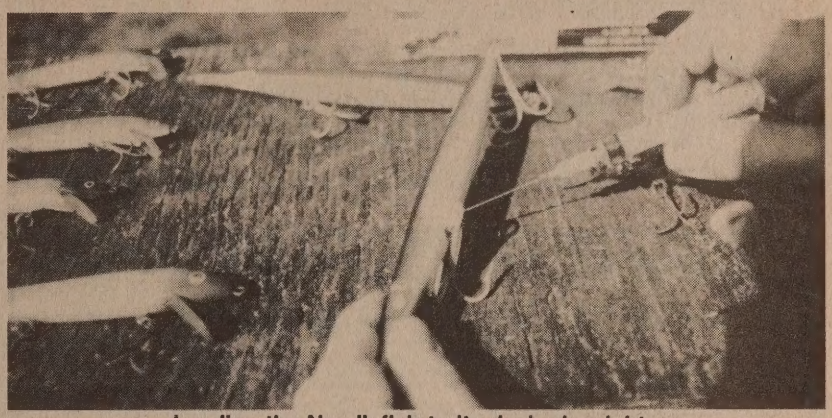
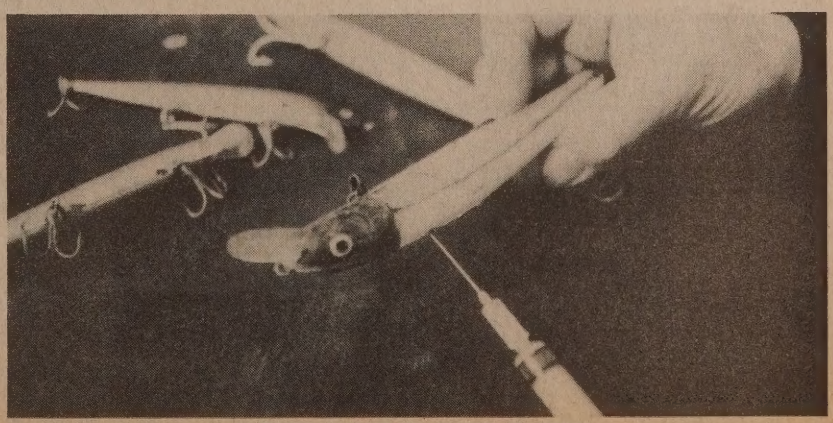


Piercing the belly of a Super Strike Needlefish.



Loading the Needlefish to its desired weight.

Most casters opt to load swimmers from the top.



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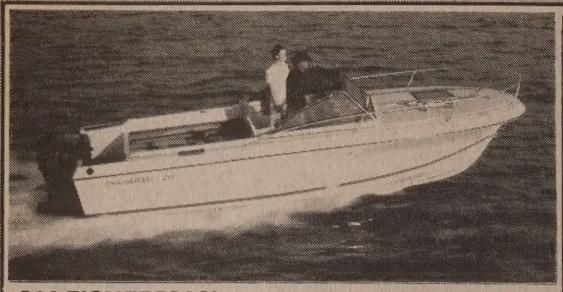

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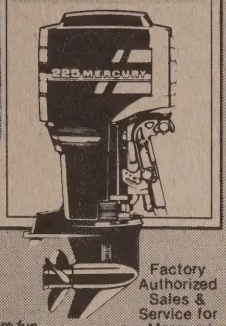

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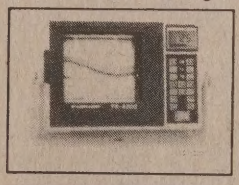

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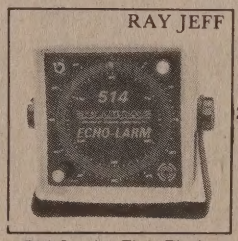

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The most commonly used liquid is regular tap water. Obviously it is readily available, the cost is negligible and it's easy to work with, but over a period of time it tends to dissipate. Why this occurs in a supposedly sealed void lies beyond my understanding of the laws of physics. Mineral oil, on the other hand, eliminates the need to reload the plugs periodically, but the oil does have its drawbacks. While the cost remains minimal, the oil, with its thicker viscosity, does not readily flow through the syringe. This obstacle can be overcome by heating the oil, in an open metal container, over a low flame. Within a short time the mineral oil will lose enough consistency and it can then be forced through the syringe.

I have been told that there are some perfectionists who load their plugs with mercury. It would seem to be an excellent liquid due to its weight but more difficult to obtain and handle. Before anyone goes about breaking all the thermometers around the house, load a few plugs in the more conventional manner and test the difference these lures have on your success.

The amounts inserted vary greatly, depending on the size of the plug, the class tackle being used and in certain areas, how far below the surface the plug should swim. If the shallows cover a sand bottom, it may be desirable to have the plug nose the bottom during the course of the retrieve, but if confronted with a beach littered with rocks, this practice would create many problems. As a general rule the 5 inch Hellcats can be loaded with 2 cc of water, with 7 cc an average load for the 7 inch RedFin. I personally do not like the lure to sink, therefore, I try to attain a point just shy of where the plug settles to the bottom. Testing in a pail of water or the backyard pool will ensure the proper charge. Remember though, objects float more readily in saltwater, a detail possibly offset by the weight of a connecting snap. Trial and error, performed in the home workshop, will correct any flaws and help to ensure a trouble free night of fishing.

To obtain the device used to insert the liquid may pose a problem for some. Discreetly ask the question of knowledgeable surfmen, most will be willing to help. If one is really in a bind, the syringe used to insert nose drops can be adapted, but the entry hole will have to be enlarged somewhat.

In a plug bag already loaded beyond capacity, the addition of yet another set of lures may prove to be the breaking point. We all have our favorite lures, but every bag has a compartment or two crowded with lures which rarely taste saltwater. On those occasions, when minnow-shaped swimmers are relied on with regularity, companion plugs, pregnant with its liquid charge, may be just the item needed to interest those wary stripers.

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EGGING THEM ON

by Bob Jones

Salmon eggs have been used to catch trout for the last 1000 years.

Of all the natural baits that trout fishermen have used over the years to attract a nibble from a brown or rainbow, there's none more popular than the salmon egg.

For thousands of year, native trout have gorged themselves on the eggs of their cousins during the spring spawning runs up the wild north country rivers.

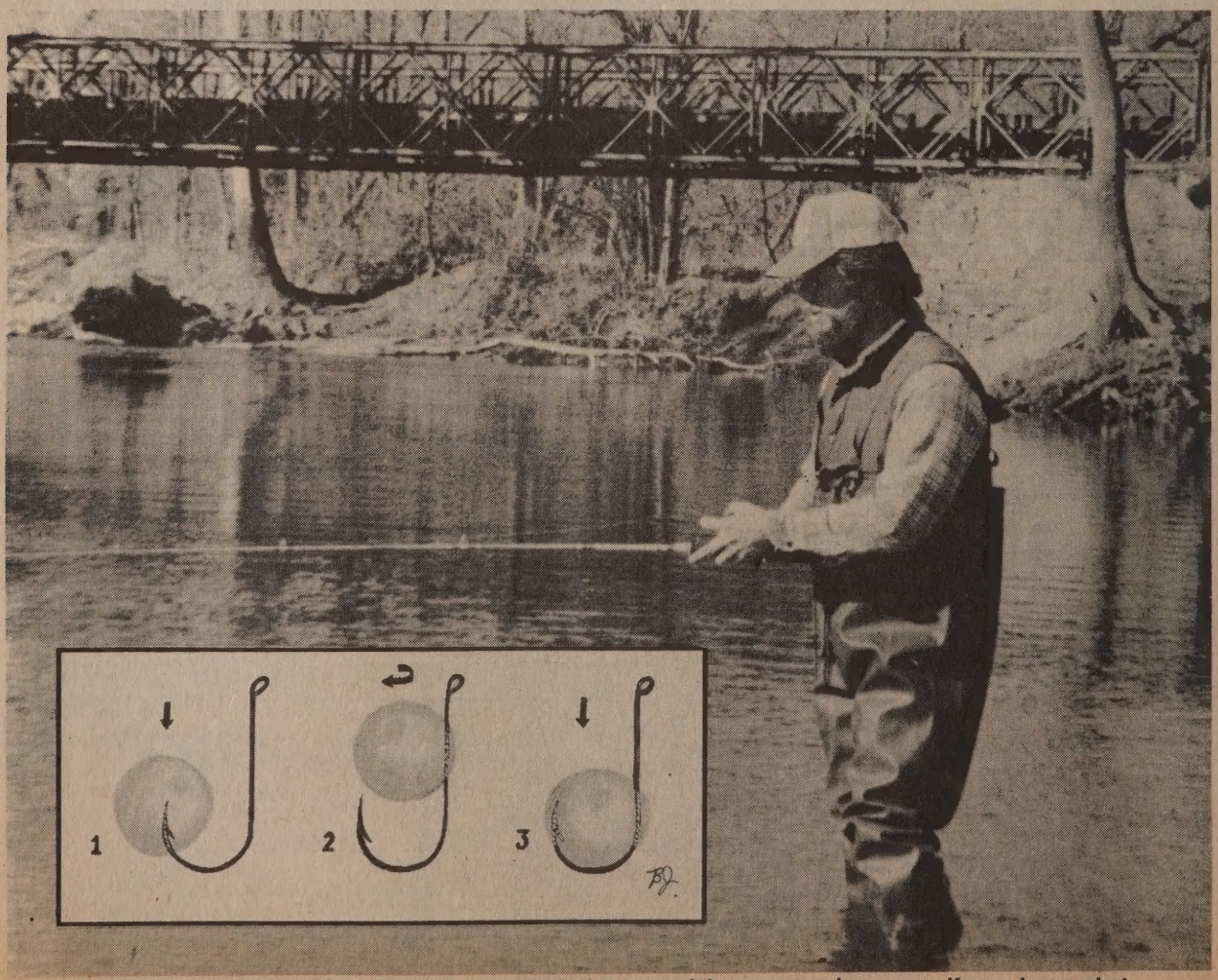
The Indians of the Pacific Northwest were among the first people to recognize and take advantage of the fondness trout have for salmon eggs. They dressed their primitive bone hooks with the soft creamy morsels and patiently filled their drying racks with enough trout fillets to get their families through the winter.

A lot has changed since the first native American tried his hand at egg fishing. Steel hooks have replaced sharp bones on the business end of our tackle and the grocery store takes care of getting most of us through the winter. But there's one thing that hasn't changed a bit in a thousand years: that is the fact that freshwater trout are just plain crazy about salmon eggs!

Unlike the pale-colored eggs the Indians seined from their creek beds, today's salmon eggs are available in just about every color you can imagine and come conveniently packed in 1 to 2 ounce jars.

Of the various salmon egg brands available, the four that I use most often are all put out by Mike's Salmon Egg Company. My top choice, when I can find them, is their "Trout Buster," a sugar cured, heavy milker that trout find irresistible. The "Lucky 7" brand is a good choice for faster water where a tougher egg is needed. "Yellow Diamond" is my favorite for stained water. They milk well and the color is designed for low visibility conditions. For still fishing deep holes, when the water is relatively clear, the oil packed "chees-Bait" is a good producer.

The technique and rigs used to present salmon eggs will vary with the section of the stream that you're working. For deep, slow moving holes, I use a 1/8 ounce bullet sinker



Sensitive tackle is essential if you're going to feel a trout pick up your salmon egg. ***Karen Jones photo.***

above a tiny black swivel, then tie a #8 or #10 gold Tru-Turn hook on with 18 inches of 2 lb. test clear leader. The sinker should run free on the line so the fish doesn't feel any weight when it picks up the egg. I usually use a couple of eggs on the hook, with the bottom egg being threaded on and then turned and pushed back down onto the point of the hook past the barb. When you feel the trout pick up your bait, set the hook immediately.

In deep, faster moving water, I use the same bullet sinker above the swivel, but instead of the Tru-Turn, I tie on a small floating jig. A single egg that matches the color of the jig is threaded into the jig, then turned and reimpaled to cover the point and barb of the hook. Work the faster deep water by gently casting about 45 degrees upstream and letting the current carry your rig downstream. You may have to jig your rod a little to keep your sinker from hanging up on the bottom.

If the bottom has a lot of bad snags and you find yourself loosing too many rigs, switch from the bullet sinker to a tiny three way swivel and a couple of split shot on a dropper lighter than the line on your reel. This rig puts a little more tug on the fish, but you'll only be losing a split shot or two when you hang up.

One of the most productive parts of the stream for trout is a deep hole just below a rocky shallow or a gravel bar. The water bubbling over the shallow rocky section saturates the water wih oxygen and provides an abundance of food to fish waiting just downstream from the shallows. The best rig for this section is a #10 or #12 egg hook tied directly to the tag end of your line, without any weight at all. Bait up with a single egg that completely hides the tiny hook. Flip the egg to the downstream edge of the gravel bar and let the current carry it into the hole. As soon as you feel a twitch, or see the line move sideways in the water, set the hook. Trout don't usually slam an egg; instead they just inhale it the way a largemouth does with a jig and pig.

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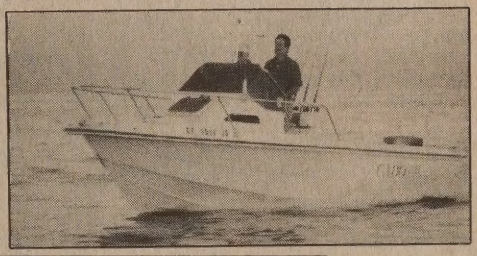

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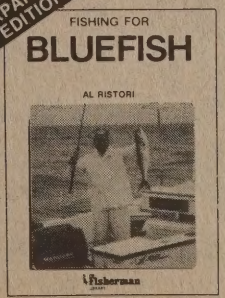

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BOTTOMS UP

by John Raguso

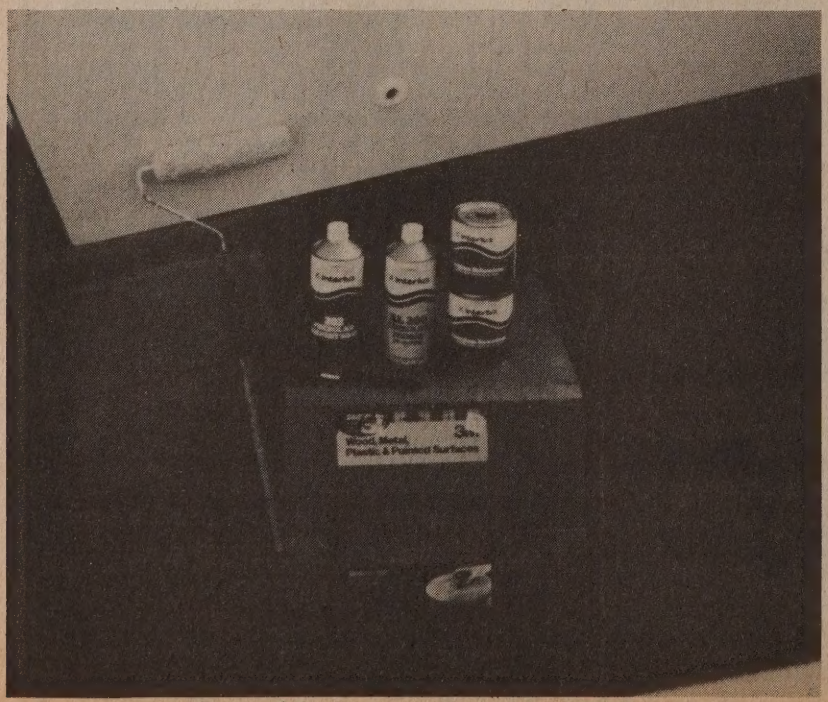
Here's some sound advice on a perennial spring chore.

Now that the inevitable spring thawing out process has begun in earnest, it's time to start thinking of getting your boat's bottom painted for the impending '87 fishing season. If this year is anything like 1986, you'll want to get in the water without delay to cash in on the expected arrivals of both the local and migratory species as they invade our inshore and offshore waters.

For those of you lucky enough to have purchased a new machine at one of the boat shows, you should pick up a few pointers to help prepare your hull for a trouble free season. For those readers who will spend yet another year with "old reliable," you might find some helpful hints to ensure that your fresh coat of paint will adhere over last season's anti-fouling barrier with a minimum of fuss. Even if you don't choose to get involved with this sometimes messy, but definitely rewarding task, you'll get a pretty good idea what the local marina is charging you anywhere from $8 to $12 a foot to accomplish.

Looking at the type of anti-fouling bottom paint available today, one is staggered by the myriad of possibilities. There are vinyl-based paints, copper-based formulas, modified epoxy types, second generation co-polymers, tin-based paints, and more. If you are unfamiliar with this topic, you're likely to get sticker shock from the cost of these materials, as even some of the more pedestrian and basic types of coatings go for $75 to $80 per gallon. If you opt for some of the high tech stuff, that figure could easily soar to $125 to $150 per gallon. To give you some basic perspective, a quart should give one-coat coverage to the average 17 to 18 foot runabout or center console; two quarts are likely to cover a 24'x8' hull; and you'll probably need a gallon to cover the bottom of your typical 30 footer with a single application.

Just in case you're thinking of skipping this process on your boat, beware: the results can be both costly and detrimental to your hull. Every barnacle and crustacean in the northern hemisphere will seek you out and attack itself to your bottom with its own natural adhesive that would give epoxy resin a run for the money! Of course, if you trailer your rig and only keep it in the water for a few days at a time, you could probably dispense with this annual chore. However, if you keep your craft in the saltwater for any appreciable length of time in excess of a week or so, you're asking for trouble if you ignore this responsibility, especially in the warmer months when the marine organisms are at their peak of activity. These creatures will cluster in colonies that will turn your boat into a floating blackfish haven, rivaling any known bridge abutment or dock piling for this honor! All kidding aside, a few unprotected weeks in the briny during August will create enough extra hull drag on your rig to cause significant loss of speed and fuel economy, so in the words of the old philosopher, you can pay 'em now to paint your bottom, or pay 'em later at the fuel dock.



Some of the items you'll need for the job.

Rather than get into a technical dissertation on the merits and disadvantages of each family of bottom paint, let me advise you to check with your local marine supply store for advice. The general rule of thumb is whatever type of coating was used in prior seasons, keep it in the same family for all subsequent paint jobs to ensure maximum results. This does not imply that you are locked into using one manufacturer's brand of bottom coating for the rest of your boat's lifetime, since you can switch from Pettit to Interlux to Woolsey or whatever, as long as they're in the same family grouping.

I consulted Jack Darragh of Shane's Marine in Babylon to get his best advice on approaching the "bottom preparation" topic, which is the most critical step in ensuring lasting results. Before he joined the Shane's staff, Jack painted boat hulls as a full time gig for about 10 years, so his expertise on this topic is well documented.

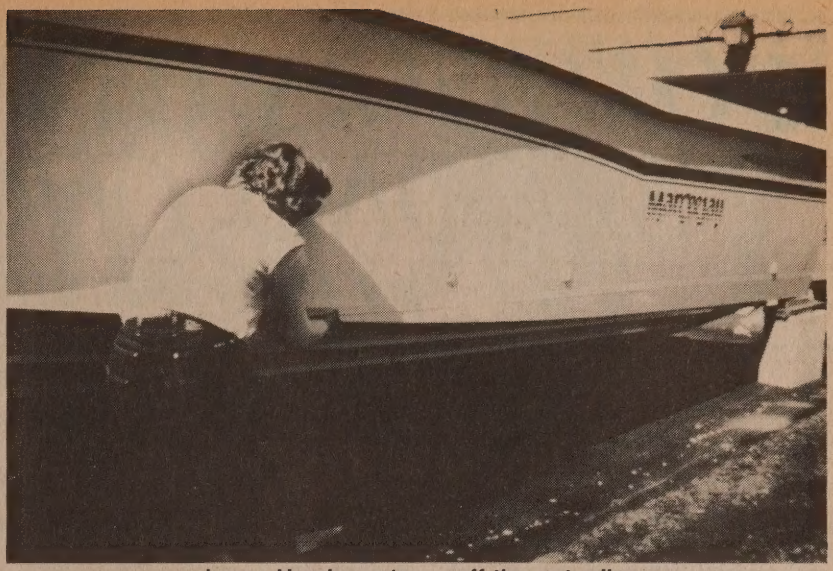
For bare hulls, Mr. Darragh suggests using one of the three-step chemical systems available from a number of the current manufacturers. For the benefit of our explanation, I'm going to refer to the Interlux family of products, since I've used these with great success in the past. First step is to clean off the bare hull with a solvent wash to eliminate any residue of either wax or poly vinyl alcohol, the parting agent which allowed your hull to pop free of its mold. Once you've identified and marked off your boat's waterline with some masking tape, apply a liberal amount of Interlux #202 Fiberglass Solvent Wash to a rag and rub it over a small area. Take a clean rag and wipe this off, repeating this procedure as you cover the entire area of bottom to be painted. Jack suggests that you'll need plenty of clean rags for the "wiping" part to achieve maximum results. Step two is to apply a thin coat of Interlux #200 "No Sand" Fiberglass Primer with a small bristle brush. This product creates a chemical bond that will ensure that the bottom paint will adhere to your hull as planned. At this point be aware that depending on the family of anti-fouling paint selected, you have anywhere from 2 to 3 hours

to 24 hours to apply this coating. Step three is to put two coats of the chosen paint on your hull via a brush or roller, but allow the first coat to dry overnight. Another consideration to keep in mind is that some types of paint require that the boat be launched only a few days after coverage is applied, while others are more flexible with this mandate, so be sure to check this out with your local dealer.

For previously painted bottoms, the procedure is similar, but with a few modifications. If last year's bottom paint is still in fairly good condition, sand the hull lightly with a #100 grit production type sandpaper and wipe the hull down with a high quality paint thinner to remove any dust or loose particles. This creates a positive substrate for the new coating to adhere to. Proceed to coat your hull with two layers of paint to finish off the jib. If last season's anti-fouling cover is a disaster area, or if you have too much of a build-up of old and tired paint, you will have to employ a paint remover to help you with the task of cutting through these layers to get back to the original hull. Interlux #299 Pintoff can be used to achieve this objective and should be safe to use if you follow the directions. Once you're down to the fiberglass, refer to steps two and three as described above to complete the job.

In summary, painting your boat's bottom can be a fun experience, but since you are dealing with some potentially dangerous chemicals, these safety tips are in order:

- Be sure to wear a dust mask, gloves, safety goggles and protective clothing when undertaking this project.
- Hand sanding is best; do not apply too much pressure or use an orbital sander.
- Remove the dust and flakes from sanding with a rag moistened with paint thinner.
- Remove your old coating to the bare surface if the finish is cracked, loose, blistered, or peeling.
- Remove your old coating if there is a build-up of more than 4 to 5 previous coats.
- Do not mix up paints from different family groupings.
- The optimum temperature for painting is between 50 to 80 degrees, with a humidity rating of 65 percent or less.
- Do not paint your bottom in direct sunlight, and leave sufficient time for drying before sunset.
- Use two thin coats of anti-fouling paint for maximum protection.
- Gently stir the paint you've selected; do not shake the can, as this will cause air bubbles.
- Do not pour any leftover paint back into the original container.
- Clean off your brushes with paint thinner before storing.
- Surface preparation is the most critical aspect of the job, so don't cut corners: try to achieve the best possible surface prior to painting.



Lynne Henriquez tapes off the water line.

Hull is cleaned with a solvent wash.

Lynne applies a thin coat of "No Sand" primer.

WHITING: SPRINGTIME SECOND CHOICE

by Pete Barrett

When mackerel prove hard to find, schools of whiting offer an excellent second choice.

Hoping for some early morning action with mackerel we broke the inlet at 6AM and headed offshore to some lumps located off central Jersey in 60 feet of water. Our speed was leisurely to minimize the frigid wind chill factor we'd feel if we pushed the boat too fast. Comfort was more important than speed on this late April day.

As the Loran showed us we were nearing our mackerel spot, we slowed down to a crawl and switched on the graph recorder waiting to see the masses of bait and mackerel as we had seen the weekend before at this same location. Running a zigzag grid pattern across the lumps proved there were no fish there on this day, so we headed offshore to a ridge that dropped off into 90 feet of water depth.

Again we ran the zigzag pattern and this time we found schools of bait, but no mackerel. On one corner of the dropoff the graph paper burned a few mackerel marks and we caught a pair of Bostons. The fish marks were few and far between and the fishing was obviously poor.

As we scratched our heads and sipped steaming coffee from the thermos, Fred pointed to dense markings of fish holding just off the bottom. "I'll try it," he said and dropped his mackerel rig down to the depths. With little wind on this day and a very slow drift we watched his rig settle to the bottom as the recorder etched the rig's progress to the bottom, right into the middle of the school of fish.

He reeled fast several times just like you would do for mackerel, but he didn't have even a touch. "Maybe they're whiting," he said and he free spooled the reel again letting the rig settle to the bottom. He worked the rod tip in slow lifts making the colored tubes dance in the deep, dark water.

The technique worked and within minutes he had a fish yanking on the line. "It sure isn't a big fish," he announced, "but it's wiggling." A few seconds later a whiting was flopping on the deck.

It only took a few minutes to break out some whiting rigs and we were all quickly into fish. The action was so good we were able to be selective on what we caught, throwing back the smaller fish and keeping only those whiting that were around the 3 lb. size.

The two mackerel caught earlier were sacrificed and belly strips cut from the macks were used to flavor up the whiting rigs. The action was fast and furious and we called a nearby party boat over to join in on the action. It was a great morning.

Much of my springtime fishing is planned to provide bait for the freezer to keep us going through the fishing season. Some baits are used for belly strips in small sizes for fluke, others are cut in large strips to be added to tuna lures. Whole baits are used for sharks and tuna. While my first choice is mackerel, whiting also make excellent baits and adding a few dozen of these silver beauties to the freezer supply is a welcome addition.

As the inshore waters warm, it is possible to find whiting in shallower water than where they are found through the winter months. Using 8 ounces of lead in 240 feet of water is only fun when there is no other game in town. Spring whiting, however, when found in water of 60, 90 or 120 feet can be much more fun. They are also our "Plan B" on those days when the macks seem to disappear.

Whiting fishing doesn't really take any angling skill. The hardest part is locating the schools of fish. Once

Though small, whiting have big and toothy mouths with an appetite which is second to none.

you've found a mess of fish, it usually isn't too difficult to put together a decent catch of whiting. Despite their small size, whiting are virtual eating machines and seem to feed constantly. Sand eels, herring, squid, crabs and small mackerel all fall prey to the whiting.

In the fish markets you'll sometimes see the whiting sold under his correct name of silver hake. He's a member of the cod family and is usually very abundant along the coast from Delaware to New England, although in recent seasons the whiting fishing has not been excellent.

The traditional whiting fishing areas are located from Barnegat north into the Mud Hole, yet whiting are found off south Jersey, too. Many south Jersey anglers pay little attention to the whiting, which partly explains the lack of catches below Barnegat for these tasty, if not huge fish.

Fishing out of Wildwood a few years back in the fall, my host took me to The Fingers and to Five Fathom Bank. We bailed whiting for nearly three hours. John has a huge smokehouse on his farm and keeps half the town in smoked fish over the winter. "There can be some good fishing for whiting in the spring, too, but most fishermen only look for the mackerel schools."

While silver hake are not known as finicky eaters some subtle changes in the rigs can sometimes add a few fish to the day's catch. Colored tubes, the number of hooks and selection of bait can all provide better fishing success.

I've tried no tubes, red tubes, green tubes and fluorescent tubes and each rig has worked better or worse depending on the given day. I keep several different rigs in my bottom fishing box of goodies and switch from one rig to another if the action gets slow or if someone else on the boat is outfishing me. The tubes need not be long, just enough to cover the long shanked hook. Leaders to the hook are tied as short as possible. I tie direct with a surgeon's loop and only leave about an inch or two of doubled line to attach the hook.

Like mackerel, whiting probably get competitive and when they see one of their brothers struggling on a hook they investigate to see what the commotion is all about. If the rig they look at has a few baited hooks they stupidly grab the bait and get into the same predicament as the first fish. It pays dividends to leave the rig in the water a few seconds after hooking the first fish. If you reel up too quickly you won't get the double headers.

Whiting are pretty good to eat and many fishermen like their delicate, mild, distinctive flavor. Of course they are famous as smoke fish. My own preference, however, is just to add them to the freezer for shark and tuna baits. They are great sport in the spring when anything you catch is a welcome change from the winter blahs.

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WESTERN LONG ISLAND SOUND:
SPRING OUTLOOK
by Ted Keatley

It is a pleasure to be able to write a column about immediate fishing prospects in Western Long Island Sound again. Flounder fishing will be moving toward the spring peak as this column reaches readers, there may be mackerel action as the end of the month approaches and the dogwood blooms in May signal the start of blackfishing.

I don't know whether the second half of May will see a repeat of last year's incredible early season bluefishing. Well into March, the Carolina Outer Banks were reporting cold, windy weather and few signs of bluefish. This is the area where the blues move close to shore as they begin their run northward up the coast.

Of course, my often used simile of the old-time saloon "free lunch counter" will be a major factor in the quality of local bluefishing. In Grandpa's day (my grandfather, not the younger reader's), the gin mill with the best free lunch attracted and held the greatest number of customers. The marine equivalent is plentiful bait.

When I was at Reedville, Va. in early February, I learned that Standard Products had received a fish meal contract from Frank Perdue which will enable them to resume their menhaden operation with four bunker boats this year. Zapata-Haynie was the only major processor on the Atlantic Coast in 1986. With current price levels of fish meal and oil, I doubt that costs will make it economically attractive for either company to operate in Long Island Sound this summer. It is a long expensive trip from the rendering plants in Reedville, Va. to our waters.

However, I cannot help but wonder whether we are on the slippery downward edge of the bluefish cyclic peak. For the past two years, alligators were unusually plentiful and the juvenile snapper blue numbers dratiscally reduced. These are the classic signs of an impending downward trend. Since the mid-1970s, we have seen this pattern with both striped bass and weakfish. Not too many of today's fishermen remember the 10 year disappearance of bluefish after the Hurricane of 1938.

While on the subject of cycles, one encouraging sign is a report from my Reedville sources that small weakfish were exceptionally plentiful in Chesapeake Bay last summer. Perhaps our fishery will begin to improve in a year or two. I have never seen any data on the importance of the May weakfish spawning run in Peconic Bay to the Long Island Sound fishery. Shoreline development and intense commercial fishing pressure are as much a factor there as any cyclic abundance impact. When there is a good weakfish run in Peconic Bay, the draggers soon sweep it clean.

During the last five years, there has been little weakfish action except for an occasional big fish taken while trying for blues or striped bass. I landed an 11½ lb. weakfish while bluefishing outside the Stamford Cows last September, the only one to come into my boat during the past two summers.

I suspect that the flounder season will be a repeat of the prior two springs. Quality will be a lot better than quantity. In recent years, I have had few throwbacks, but the total at the end of the day was mighty skimpy when compared with the 75 or more big flats which I considered to be a normal catch at the peak of the spring run 30 years ago. I haven't had really fast flounder fishing since they concentrated between Tavern and Sheffield Islands at the west entrance to Norwalk Harbor. That was so long ago that I had to check my records to be certain of the year. It was late April of 1979. Last year, there was a good run of big fish off Darien in the area of Fish Island, Scott's Cove and Ziegler's. However, the best fishing was in March and early April before most people, myself included, had a boat in the water.

It should be possible to take 20 to 30 good sized flounder in a trip during the latter half of this month. Hopefully, the restrictions on trawling in the western portion of the Sound will bring improving fishing over the next few years.

In recent years, my experience has been that a spot will yield up to a half dozen flounder and then the action stops. Even chumming does not seem to bring more fish beneath the boat. Apparently the flounder are widely scattered and frequent moves put more fish in the bucket.

Drifting over areas of clean bottom also can be very effective if wind and tide permit. This technique proved very productive for me several years ago when I fished the sandy bottom between Bluff Point and Seymour Rock at the mouth of Westport's Saugatuck River. Unfortunately, spring weather is often windy and the boat would move too fast for effective drifting. Results are best when the bait slides slowly along the bottom.

Where will I fish for flounder this spring? Frankly, as I write this, I haven't the foggiest. Fish seem to favor different areas from year to year. In addition, flounder will be plentiful in a single location for no more than a week or two. Apparently,

they clean up the readily available bait and look for another "free lunch counter."

Here are some of the areas most likely to get my attention this spring.

Oyster Bay: This is the place where the earliest flounder fishing is reported in most years. However, the fish tend toward the small side as the season progresses.

Huntington Harbor: This is a favorite of the party boats. They usually work the area south of Wee Beach which separates Huntington and Northport Harbors. I never found much but small fish there. Some years ago, I often did well west of Winkle Point and in Duck Island Channel.

Eaton's Neck: Excellent fishing often is reported in late April off the west side of the Coast Guard Station and further east beyond the reef which runs out to buoy 13.

Lloyds Neck: This often is very productive, primarily on the easterly side, during late April.

Westport: As I mentioned earlier, the mouth of the Saugatuck River can provide good spring action.

Norwalk Islands: Cockenoe is a popular spot and I have done well north of the channel inside of Goose and Grassy Islands, particularly on a falling tide. The area between Tavern and Sheffield Islands can be excellent although I have not been too successful there in recent seasons. In early May, drifting the beach outside of Sheffield can produce some big flounder.

Rowayton: Good fishing often can be had around the mouth of the Five Mile River.

Darien; As previously noted, the west side of Fish Island, Ziegler's and Scott's Cove were among the most consistently productive spots last year. This is the area lying just east of Collender's (Long Neck Point).

Stamford: Westcott Cove and the area off Cummings Beach provided some big flats last fall although the numbers were not fantastic. There are two reefs on the end of Shippan Point. One is just east of Shippan Ave. and the other runs from Robbins, the opening on the east end of Stamford Breakwater, to the Cows. Good fishing often is found along the edge of both reefs. Be sure that you are fishing clean bottom. Rocky areas normally are fouled with sea lettuce and slimy red algae in the spring.

Greenwich/Cos Cob: Much of Captains Harbor has a good potential for flounder. One of the most popular areas runs from the outer portions of Greenwich Cove as far as the Sound along Greenwich Point Park. Fishing also can be good off the sandy beaches between the Mianus River and Tweed's Island. In 1977 and 1978, there was fantastic flounder fishing in front of the beach on the Sound side of Greenwich Point Park. However, results have been sporadic since then. Nevertheless, it could be productive to explore the inshore areas eastward from the beach to Stamford Lighthouse.

I will end my words of wisdom on spring flounder fishing with the following cautions:

• Although my practice for many years was to pick an area where I knew that there were some fish, lower a chum pot beneath the boat and wait the flounder out, I am not sure that this will be the best approach this year. If the past few seasons are any guide, the flats will be scattered and not too plentiful. If you catch a couple of fish immediately and then find that the music has stopped, it would be wise to move.

• If the wind and tide do not push the boat too fast, drifting on clean bottom probably will put more fish in the bucket than still-fishing. However, if you find slimy algae on your hooks and bait when you check, you are not drifting good flounder bottom.

I am not sure what I should recommend on mackerel this spring. Over the past four years, the action has deteriorated steadily. Last year was the first time since the mid-1960s that I did not have a supply of spring run mackerel in the freezer for bait.

From about 1965 until a few seasons ago, a large spring run of spawning Boston mackerel appeared in the western end of the Sound so consistently that people began to think of this as the norm. Fishing was so good that taking a few hundred in a single trip was no problem if you had any use for them. The fishing was fantastic even in the period just before approval of the 200 Mile Limit when pressures from the foreign fishing fleets had decimated the total Atlantic Coast population. Why? The mackerel certainly were not smart enough to come to our area to hide from the Russians.

I recall standing on the pier at the long gone Great Captain's Island Beach and Yacht Club in the early fall of 1932 and seeing mackerel so thick that the bottom was hidden. There was another big run in 1939 and it was dockside wisdom that the mackerel returned every seven years. However, instead of 1946, they made their next appearance in the western portion of the Sound during the late 1950s when early fall brought huge schools of young of the year tinkers. Although "tinker" is generally used for small Atlantic mackerel, some purists object because there actually is a smaller species called a tinker. The true tinker or chub mackerel is one of the few members of the family to have an air bladder. The Atlantic mackerel literally would sink to the bottom and suffocate if it were to stop swimming.

Prior to the mid-1960s, the mackerel often would be reported in the Middle Ground area between Bridgeport and Port Jefferson, but they rarely traveled any further west.

Since I am running out of space, I will leave my comments on techniques for both mackerel and blackfish for my next column. It might be well to take a look at bluefish as well on the chance that they will repeat last year's early arrival in mid-May.

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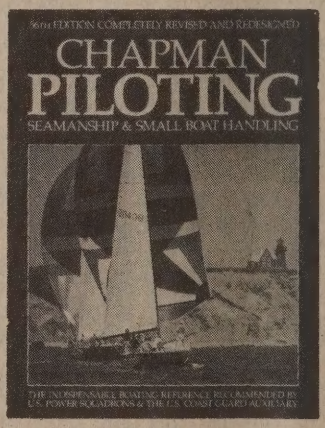
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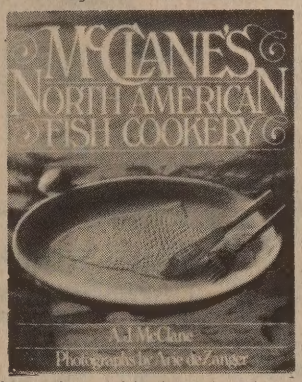

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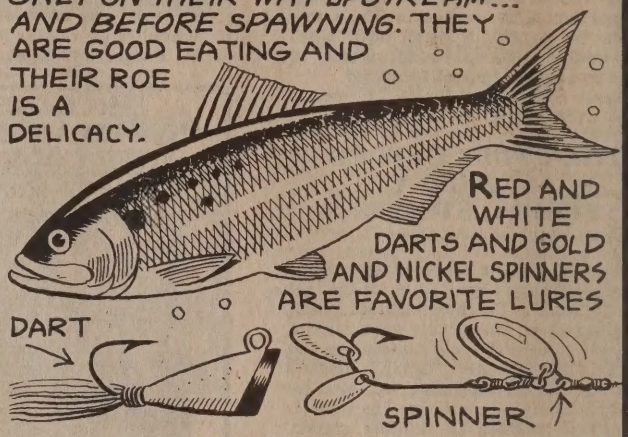

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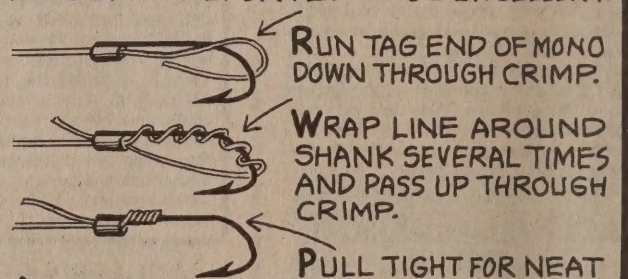

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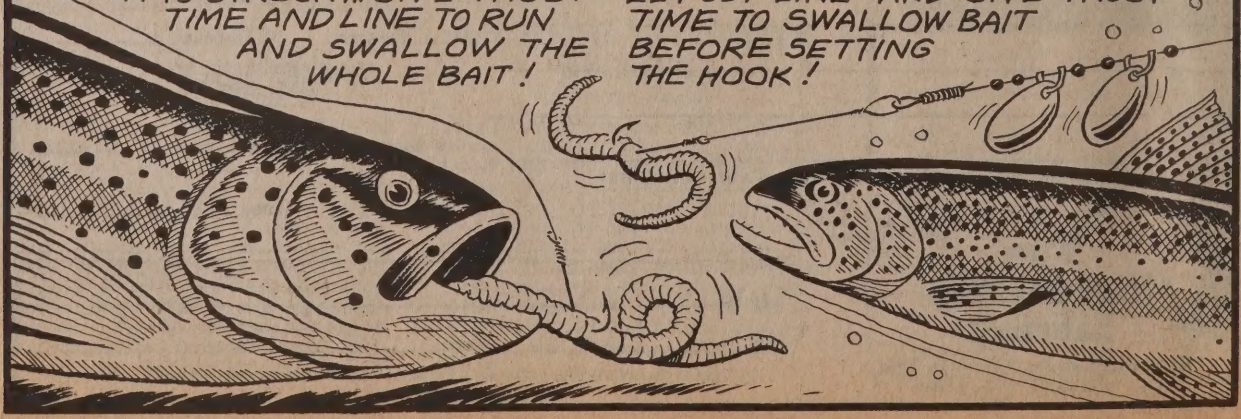

East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Fishing reports were hard to come by this past weekend since back to back fierce storms brought fishing on the East End to an almost complete halt. The few attempts by those who were fortunate to sneak in a few hours between wind and rain storms did find flounder willing to bite and small cod in local Montauk waters.

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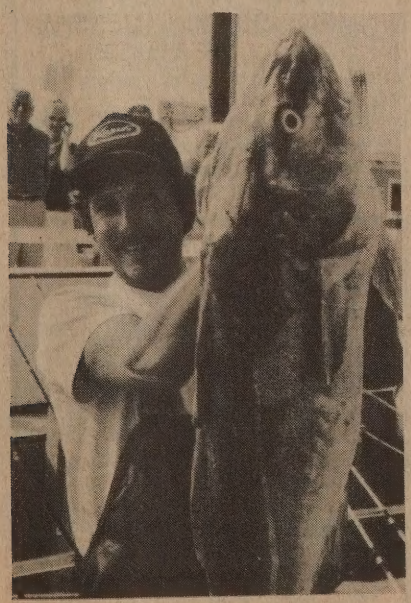
Captain Michael Potts was unsuccessful in locating large cod for the Chin group on Thursday, but did find fifteen small cod plus a large blackfish in inshore Montauk waters. Scheduled **Bluefin IV** charters were wiped out by the weather the next three days.

Charter cancellations were the order of the day at **Captain's Cove Marina** and the **Montauk Marine Basin**. All Montauk charter service phones are manned for booking choice late spring and summer fishing dates.

We did hear of a catch of flounder made by John Bachman on Thursday, when he tried from one of the local docks in Lake Montauk.

We have discovered that the "secret bait" used on a **Viking**



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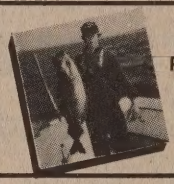

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SOUTH FORK

The **Wilhelric II** has not sailed all week due both to bad weather, or weather reports that indicated bad weather which did not materialize. Captain Clark Bellows will be at the helm on weekdays, Captain Artie Lach weekends, with the boat sailing, depending on weather, at 7:00 am daily.

Thom spent a quiet week at **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, however, he did hear of a few catches of flounder, some anglers with as many as a dozen each, fishing the bridge at Sag Harbor. Thom will have fresh mussels and clams, in addition to sand and bloodworms for the weekend.

Only a few ventured out from **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks**, sneaking in a couple of flounder trips between storms. Last Monday, Dennis Stock and Walt Roskoski located 35 flounder at Heady Creek. On a short trip Sunday afternoon, Captain Dee and Joe plucked five flounder from their favorite spot at Heady Creek but headed the "Haleakala" home early because the winds picked up.

Jim Taylor noted that Shinnecock Canal flounder have decreased in size, however, fine fish were located at Buoy 17 with bloodworms doing the trick. Several flounder hit the two pound mark on the scale at **Blue Water Tackle** in **Hampton Bays**.

Regulars at the Shinnecock Canal reported a good pick of flatties on Friday, when the gates were closed. One angler reported keeping eleven flounder from ten and a half inches to one of one and three quarter pounds, caught on both blood and sandworms.

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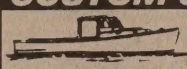

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local tackle shops to plan fishing the Shinnecock Canal when the gates are closed. We have also discovered that by deducting three hours from the high tide for Sandy Hook (shown on the tide tables in **The Fisherman**) we come pretty close.

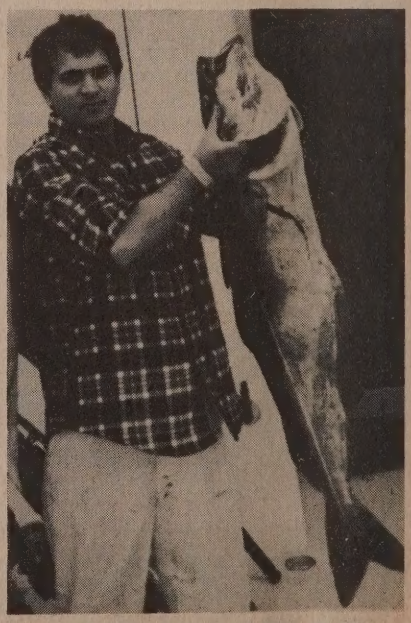
South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

It was a dismal week along the waterfront, as a combination of rain, wind and misleading weather forecasts kept the majority of anglers from wetting a line this week. Tackle shops, boat captains and fishing station operators all lamented the poor weather and complained about forecasts that predicted rains which never developed on both Friday and Sunday. It might be wise to develop a policy of planning your fishing trips despite the weather forecasts and leave your decision till the last possible minute. Those who did get out on Sunday, particularly on Great South Bay, enjoyed not only a fine day but also some of the best flatfish action of the season.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

"A very, very quiet week as a result



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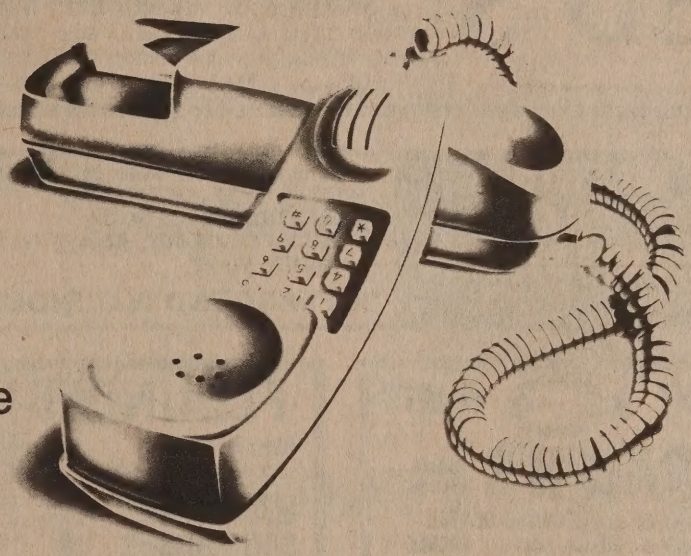

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of the weather and misleading forecasts,'' according to Gary Grunsich of **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in East Moriches. He did have a boat run to the Quogue Canal near buoy 54 (first bridge) on Wednesday. They returned with a good catch but the fish were on the smaller side. There are some big flatties now settled into the bay between buoys 44 and 45, but he hasn't had the customers to work them over. There were a couple of good private boat catches made in recent days, however. Dave Roseman and Bruce Jonaitis teamed to take 40 nice big flatties between buoys 43 and 45 on Friday.

Over at **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in East Moriches, Phil Sepulveda reported things have been real quiet around the station since Tuesday's storm. Prior to then, catches averaged 50 per boat near buoys 23 through 27. Private boats have been reported some nice size fish between buoys 42 and 46 and there are still a fair number of smaller fish in the Quogue Canal. The station has added a new fleet of 20 foot Steiger Craft hulls. Included are center console models with 90 hp Evinrudes and cuddy cabin models with 115 hp engines.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Reports were on the lean side from **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue this week. Dennis Scognamillo said that he had several reports of good flounder catches still being made in the vicinity of Barrett Beach. Also, a few good reports scattered through the week from the Smith Point Bridge area where heavy chumming is essential. For shore anglers, the Carman's River at Beaver Dam Dock has been producing a couple of flounder.

John DiGiacomo of **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale reported it had been a very slow week as a result of the lousy weather. When boats did get out there were good catches reported by private boatmen as well as those on the open boats off of Sayville and Blue Point. A couple of reports indicated that both Friday and Sunday were good days to be chasing flounder.

Carl Miller of **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in Bay Shore said that his shop should be in full swing and on a regular schedule by this weekend. Best flounder fishing in the bay is currently to the east of Heckscher, but this should change in the near future as the fish work their way west.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the Bay Shore open boat **Laura Lee** had some super flounder fishing to talk about, despite the weather and small crowds. Friday was a very good day with 8 fares accounting for more than 200 flatties. The skipper stayed dockside in Saturday's deluge, but spoke of fabulous fishing on Sunday. As

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	5:00	5:40	5:55	6:20	5:50	6:25	6:50	7:25	9:10	9:40	8:30	8:55	5:10	5:35	4/9
FRI.	5:55	6:30	6:45	7:05	6:40	7:10	7:35	8:00	9:55	10:10	9:20	9:40	5:55	6:15	4/10
SAT.	6:40	7:10	7:30	7:45	7:20	7:45	8:15	8:35	10:25	10:30	10:00	10:20	6:40	7:00	4/11
SUN.	7:25	7:50	8:10	8:30	8:00	8:20	8:55	9:10	10:50	11:00	10:45	11:00	7:20	7:40	4/12
MON.	8:05	8:25	8:50	9:10	8:40	8:55	9:35	9:50	11:25	11:30	11:25	11:40	8:00	8:20	4/13
TUES.	8:45	9:05	9:30	9:50	9:15	9:30	10:15	10:25	—	12:05	—	12:05	8:45	9:00	4/14
WED.	9:25	9:45	10:15	10:30	9:55	10:10	10:55	11:10	12:15	12:45	12:20	12:50	9:25	9:45	4/15
THURS.	10:05	10:30	11:00	11:15	10:40	11:00	11:45	11:55	12:55	1:30	1:00	1:35	10:10	10:30	4/16

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
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On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	4/9	6:31	7:34
FRI.	4/10	6:29	7:35
SAT.	4/11	6:28	7:36
SUN.	4/12	6:27	7:37
MON.	4/13	6:26	7:38
TUE.	4/14	6:24	7:39
WED.	4/15	6:22	7:41

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:		RISE:	SET:
THU.	4/9	2:55PM	4:35AM
FRI.	4/10	4:00PM	4:55AM
SAT.	4/11	5:05PM	5:20AM
SUN.	4/12	6:10PM	5:40AM
MON.	4/13	7:20PM	6:00AM
TUE.	4/14	8:35PM	6:25AM
WED.	4/15	9:50PM	6:50AM

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM Minor	AM **Major**	PM Minor	PM **Major**
Thurs.	2:20	**8:25**	2:35	**8:45**
Fri.	3:00	**9:05**	3:15	**9:25**
Sat.	3:40	**9:45**	3:55	**10:05**
Sun.	4:20	**10:25**	4:35	**10:45**
Mon.	5:00	**11:05**	5:15	**11:25**
Tues.	5:40	**11:45**	5:55	**12:10**
Wed.	6:25	**12:40**	6:50	—
Thurs.	7:20	**1:10**	9:05	**2:50**

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evidence of the action, one only needs to check some of the individual catches. Jim Gallagher led all scorers with 68 flounder, Tony Salerno put 55 fish away, Joe Bonano counted 54. Warren had 46 and John Pagillo left the boat with three dozen flatties. Neil reported that he fished midday off of Patchogue and that while the catch was mixed in size, most were in the one pound class with some of the flatties topping the 2 lb. mark.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** reported some very good flounder fishing scattered among the cool weather days. Both Monday and Friday during the week saw some fine catches made. On the weekend, Saturday was a washout but Sunday saw catches average in the high teens. Fishing is being done south of Sayville and Patchogue, with most fish falling in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. range. The boat's special flounder pool is currently at $120.

Captain Richie Abrams of the Captree open boat **Captain Whittaker** reported good flounder fishing in the east bay when the weather cooperates. The skipper is currently sailing a half day schedule with trips departing at 8AM and 1PM.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Joseph II** spoke of nice solid flounder action on the days he was able to get out. Thursday saw catches range from 12 to 20 nice size flatties per man, with a large portion of the catch falling around the 1 lb. mark. Sunday saw catches of from 10 to 20 mixed size flatties per man. Best fishing has been in the east bay south of Patchogue, but a few drops to the west near Point O' Woods and Sailor's Haven have begun producing a few flatties. Saturday was a washout.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Captain Rod** also stayed tied to the dock in Saturday's downpour and gusty winds, but managed to get out on Sunday with very good results. He, too, worked the east bay, catching plenty of mixed size fish but with some very nice sized fish mixed among the catches.

Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle** Bobby Sprenger reported that one trio of anglers aboard the **Jib VII** on Sunday did a fine job on the flatties. Laura Landina, Richie Walsh and Lorraine Martino pooled their efforts to the tune of 65 flounder. Aboard the same boat, Captain Marty's son, 7 year old James Schwartz, single-handedly put away 20 flatties. Also on Sunday, Scott Berrent of Lindenhurst,

put together a very, very impressive catch of shore-caught flounder. Working the bay side of Gilgo with worms and mussels, Scott finished the day with 55 flounder. Joe Paradiso and Bill Biscardi trekked west to the Squaw Island area on Sunday. Using mussel and worm bait and heavy clam chum, they finished the day with 16 flatties up to 1 lb. 10 oz. Shore casters continue to pick away at flatties from the Jones Beach piers with a few also being taken from the Captree overlook pier.

Captain Joe DiLiberto of Captree charter boat, **Prime Time** let us know that he begins his sailing schedule with a new boat this weekend. The new Prime Time is a 60 footer, formerly the Point Lookout based Capt. Bill and is equipped to handle up to 40 passengers. Captain Joe will be specializing in bay charters for flounder, fluke and blackfish.

All of the past week's wind and rain made for a quiet week around **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon. According to John Gattuso just a handful of customers managed to get out this week and while none reported back with specifics, he did know that there were several good catches of flounder made on the Heckscher flats and south of Sayville. To the west, the Squaw Island area continued to be the best bet.

Captain Ralph Green, skipper of the open boat **Miss Babylon** said that poor weather and weather forecasts kept him tied to the dock much of the week. Friday produced some very good flounder fishing, however, with five fares accounting for somewhere between 100 and 150 flatties. Among them, was Phil Morris with 28. Sunday was a banner day with five fares racking up a total of more than 200 flatties. Steve Pascuale had 41, while George Paturalski counted 38 fish for his efforts. Fishing both days was done to the east along the Blue Point line, south of Patchogue and to the south of buoy 30. Worms seem to have the edge over mussels and stirring the bottom kept the fish coming.

From **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** came late news of as far as we know, the largest flattie to be taken inside Great South Bay in recent memory. A According to Mike Andreanni of the shop, 12-year-old Harry Bowman drilled a 5 l. 4 oz. flattie from the Copiage hole a week ago Sunday. Harry's brother John netted the monster flattie aboard the family boat Live Line. Otherwise, the news from Mike was similar to that reported by most shops. Very little in the way of specifics, but enough talk to indicate some good catches being made at Squaw Island and West Island. The best fishing in the open bay continues to be to the east of Heckscher with some very good catches reported between Sayville and Blue Point on Sunday. Mike reminded that the shop has relocated and is now settled in at 281 East Montauk Highway in Lindenhurst. The new location is

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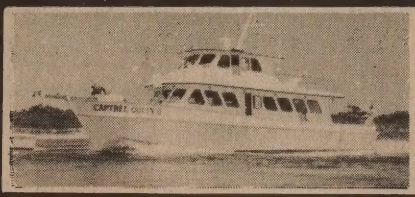

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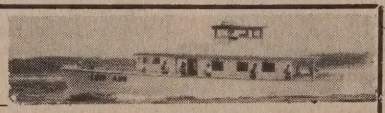

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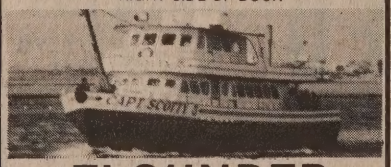

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"Dead all week with all the wind and rain," according to Chester Shew of **Z-Crab Tackle** in Copiague. He knew that some private boatmen took advantage of Sunday's break in the weather, but added that none had reported back with the results of their efforts.

A quiet week also reported by Bob Vitale at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor. Despite the lack of effort, he did have a couple of good catches to report from the vicinity of the Amityville cut. On Friday, the private boat Reel Affair totalled 60 flatties between 3/4 and 2 lbs. on mussels. Half of the fish, according to Bob who saw the catch ranged between one and two pounds. Thirty more flatties were added to the boat's fish box on Sunday. The private boat Early Riser also reported doing a good job on the fish from the same area on Friday.

At **Edelman's Sporting Goods** in Farmingdale, Frank Pristera said that the weather had made for a quiet week along the waterfront. He knew of a pick of fish at Bergen Point but suggested the best bets were to the west near Squaw Island, Massapequa Cove and Copiague Hole. Fred Walters put away over 50 flatties on Friday working a hole south of Amityville.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

With plenty of wind and rain plaguing us this past week, the flounder action while not a complete bust has certainly been held in check by the weather, also preventing a lot of anglers from getting out. However, the irrefutable evidence exists that the fish are definitely there and once we start to get some fishable weather, there are bound to be some serious catches made as the flatties will be increasing in numbers and should be good and hungry.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Lon at **Wanser's Tackle** in Seaford said that in the early part of the week before the storms hit, very good catches were being made in Massapequa Cove and Squaw Island and that he expects solid catches to resume once fishermen can get out

David Solomon caught this 527 lb. giant tuna last summer aboard the Atlantic Beach charter boat, "Kim."

again.

Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh during this past week had news only of catches by a few customers working Merrick Bay using bloodworms and mussels as hook bait for mixed size flatties.

Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore said his customers told of spotty catches on mixed size fish in both the Merrick and Freeport bay areas on worms, mussel and a lot of chum.

We hear from Randy Smith at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick that it was 32 flatties taken at Massapequa Cove Tuesday by George Batsche and wife. They fished worm and mussel bait and said that both tides worked on 10 to 11 inch fish.

Over in Freeport, Captain Mike Dannon of the **Captain Lou Fleet** passes on the news that his fares managed fair to decent catches on the days he sailed this week with the full and half day boats. On the full day boat, Monday saw John DeRosa high hook with 45 flatties. Thursday Jack Reed was high hook with 38, while on Sunday Tom Mistretta bagged 31 and regular Mike had 30. Phil and John DeBenedetto had 40 between them, while 61 were gathered up by Rod Gruler and Bob Wright. Aboard the half day boat, Mike says catches were good all week, with high hooks ranging from the teens through the low 20s. Thursday's 1¾ lb. pool fish was caught by Rich Baumgarten. Roland Giatanti bagged a 2 lb. 4 oz. flounder. On Saturday, Mike Goldstein took the pool, while Sunday had Vince Meyer with a 2½ lb. pool fish and regular Charlie hoisted 20 on the AM trip.

The **Bluefin Fleet**, whose correct phone number is (516) (718) 352-2986, not the incorrect number that recently appeared, reports that the opening trip of the season held last Saturday fished to the east and working the State Channel and back areas took a fairly good catch of flounder to 1½ lbs. The pool went to John Smirk,

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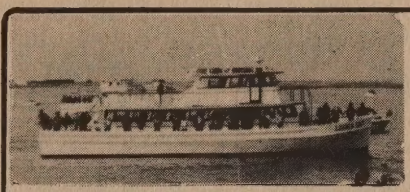

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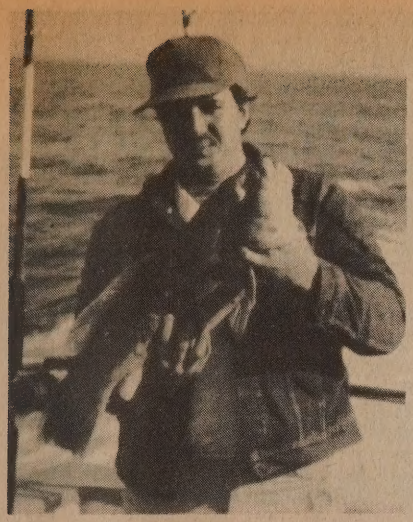
Captain Richie Kessinger's **Star Stream II** is now back in action after spring maintenance and refitting and beautification. The boat is on a 6:30AM daily codfishing schedule. Richie has had reports from various dragger captains and private boats that the inshore wrecks have been holding some nice cod.

Bob at the **Freeport Boatmens Association** tells of Sunday's PM trip for the **Super Spray II** which is sailing daily for flounder on a two trip a day schedule. Bob says fares caught good. Local floundering has been from picky to good locally at Swift Creek, Reynolds and Baldwin Harbor, along with some small cod and pollock on inshore and offshore wrecks.

In nearby Point Lookout, Captain Dennis Kanyuk called to say that his new boat, the **Night Hawk** will be in its slip at the Point Lookout marina by the time you read this report. First sailings will be Saturday, April 11 and the boat will be sailing 2 trips a day for flounder at 7AM and 2PM. Running the boat on a rotating basis will be Captains, Steve, Bill and

Sandra Polanger used a bunker chunk to take this 14 lb. blue from the Manhattan Beach shore last fall. Subscriber photo.



Kevin Melendez displays a 9 lb. 8 oz. blackfish caught back on March 8 aboard Sheepshead Bay based open boat "Ranger."

Dennis and they invite all of you to come down and see the new boat. Dennis also said he has some May and June charter dates still available.

Captain Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** said although his fares picked away in Saturday's rain and the catch was on the very low side, fares on Sunday's trip caught fish on every drop. The 12 fares enjoyed a very definite bounce back from the slow fishing on Saturday. The skipper was really steamed at the local weather reports that screamed rain for Sunday and as we all know Sunday came out to be quite a nice day. Al says his wife Pat recently bought a pound of flounder fillet and it cost $9 in the supermarket and this led directly to his thought that you really get your money back when you go out for a day's fishing, giving the example that you can't eat a golf ball or a hockey puck.

Aboard the **Miss Point Lookout II** this past week, Monday saw Phil Morris of Babylon with 17 flounder including a 1¾ lb. pool fish and the first triple of the year. Ed Sigler of Syosset had 16 and Joe Filbert of Long Island City scored with 15. Monday's PM trip had Tony Valani of Long Beach with high hook of 23 to 2 lbs. Myron the exterminator of the Bronx bagged 12 flatties. Tuesday and Wednesday were weathered out, but on Thursday's AM trip, Phil Morris came back for 15 more flounder including the 2 lb. pool fish. Stan Kaufman of City Island caught 17 in the AM. Friday AM was picky but nonetheless Dennis Murphy bagged 13. High hook of 22 fish went to Elmont's Vince Massena. Dan Bisset of Cyprus Hills was happy with 17

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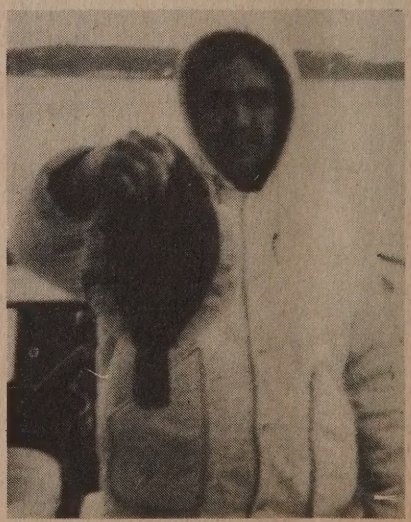
"Dismal" was the best word for fishing reports and weather over the Saturday and Sunday weekend. Cold waters persist to the east, and the only catches worth noting seem to come from Port Jefferson and points west. Changes are expected as the picture improves this week. Patience will be required for a while for those who fish eastern Suffolk.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack's Bait on **City Island** called the weekend "stinking...terrible". Fortunately for the logs, Michael DiCuffa and Paul did a job on some larger flounder in shallow local waters at mid-week. They had around two dozen nice fish.

The **Glen Cove Sport Shop** was selling lots of bait when the weather broke on Sunday. Phil Nasi said that shore catches were coming from Morgan's Park, Pryble Beach, Garvey Point, Bayville and the saltwater ponds. Wendy and Ed Maloney had the best catch from a boat, about a dozen nice flounder.

Pete Pearson said that the **Klondike VIII** opened the season with some decent fishing in Northport Bay in very shallow water. Fish were keeper sized with some fares taking twenty or more flatties. Crowds were exceptionally thin because of poor weather over the weekend. The **Apache** had a good



Antonio Rivera decked this 1¾ lb. flattie back in March while fishing aboard the City Island open boat, "Apache."

and south channel bridges spanning Jamaica Bay produced fair catches of flounder in the 1 to 1½ lb. range. Worms and mussels worked best on any moving tide though incoming was best.

Out of Sheepshead Bay Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** told of small crowds all week. Local fishing was done Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Regular Bill Lake had 12 flounder Friday and 14 Sunday. Sand worms were the ticket and Butch says the fish have been running nice size this past week anywhere from 1 to 4 pounds.

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle** across from the fleet told of a 2 lb. 9 oz. flounder caught by Ed Shalala. Flattie action has been good in general said Charlie at the Navesink River, Silver Hole and off the round house. He said the very local floundering has been slow, but is due to open up very shortly with the weather. Ling fishing has been slow at Scotland. Blackfishing has been a little disappointing due to the cold water at Seabright but mackerel are expected to arrive by Easter. Please note the store is now stocking worms and mussels.

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shot Thursday in Oyster Bay. Outside waters off Huntington had fish too, but these flatties were thin. "Give it a week!" says Dom Cerbone.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** figured that the fish off Duck Island in Northport were numerous but not really large, with three quarter pound the largest. Lloyds had had lot of half to three quarter pound flatties with a few over a pound. Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** liked what he saw in an exceptional catch by Gary Francis off the northeast corner of Lloyds. There were a couple of fish among fourty keepers that pushed one and a half pounds. Also Jim Malkmus had a dozen flatties to fourteen inches off the Centerport bridge. Barbara Sanga caught her first flounder off the town dock. Successful anglers used mixes of worms, mussels and clam baits and there's a distribution of fish in the shallow bays in the Northport area.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** was still sending skiffs to the old bridge area in Setauket, but there was one catch reported off Old Sow Rock in Rocky Point. **Ralph's Fishing Station** in **Mount Sinai** was waiting for reports, the Fleischmanns at **Greenlawn Sport** had trout for super, and Stan Henschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** was sug-

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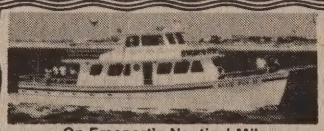

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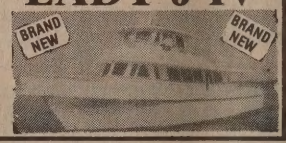

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Roy Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** had one day on the water last week with a shot at flounder off the beach in fourteen feet of water. He's ready to go every day, but there haven't been enough fares to make up parties on most days, with raw weather and cold waters the norm.

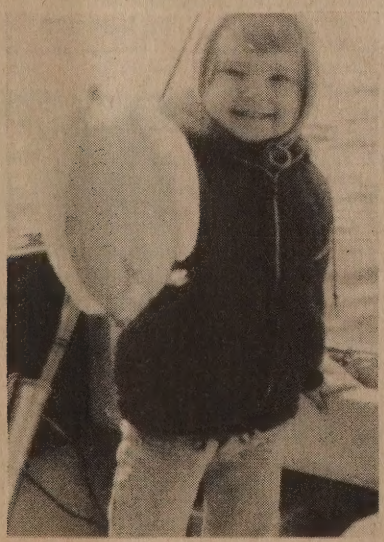
NORTH FORK

Ed Kopack at **Warren's** had a few reports from the Peconic River while Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** is hoping that the late burst of flounder taken by draggers west of Robin's Island signifies the start of a season. Dom DeRainiri, master of East End flatfishing, could muster only a half dozen fish to one and a half pounds on Friday, fishing off Nassau Point, Rose's and the South Race.

Charlie Caraftis at **Charlie's Mattituck Fishing Station** will have bait and boats ready to go next weekend. He had no outside catches to report, but Bill Czech at Jamesport Bait saw a dozen fish that Tony Krupski managed off Cooper's Rock. Czech also mentioned several early catches by Doc Usrist inside Mattituck Inlet. These inside fish are now on the small side, however.

Ace Cottral has mussels and worms at **Pleasures by the Sea** (Port of Egypt), but things have been quiet on the bay. The exception was one catch of twenty flounder from a creek mouth.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** spent a quiet weekend as well. She'll be at the shop from 5:30 to 5:00 on weekends once the party boats start to sail in mid-month. Bob



Five-year-old Jennifer Tacinelli with 1 of 15 flounder she and her dad boated on March 5th in Long Island Sound near Larchmont. Subscriber photo.

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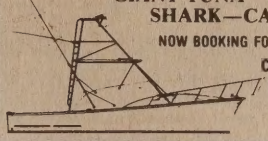

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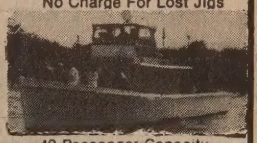

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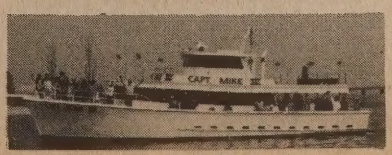

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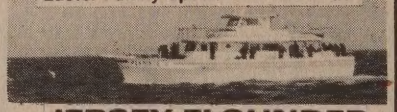

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Freshwater REPORT
with Tom Schlichter

With high winds, cool temperatures and a lot of rain, the first week of trout season proved less than spectacular. Still, there were some good scores reported, especially prior to the weekend. Bass and pickerel action continues to pick up steam and should steadily improve over the next several weeks as water temperatures begin to climb.

At **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle, Lynbrook**, Bill tells us that anglers did well early last week before the heavy rains came. Bass and carp fishing is beginning to pick up in Grant Park. Water temperatures, however, are still a little cool and so the fish are still sluggish. Live baits, such as nightcrawlers, are producing the best scores.

A call to Bobby Turturello at **Causeway Bait and Tackle, Wantagh**, revealed slow fishing over the weekend. Early in the week, anglers were doing o-k with crappies and that action should continue with improved weather. Bobby noted that the shop has sold a lot of killies over the past several days, but no one stopped back with any reports.

At **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani told us that Richie Rauff checked the first trout of the new season into the shop on Saturday. Taken in Southaven Park, the fish was a 15.5 inch brownie.

At **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Centereach**, Fred Laager spoke of good trout fishing in the Carman's River. Fred worked the tidal section there during the week and connected with a few good browns. Confirming the availability of trout on the Carman's, Mary Gallo, who works in Southaven Park, told us that anglers have been making steady catches of twelve to sixteen inch fish in Hard's Lake. Thursday witnessed the best action with several browns in the seventeen to eighteen inch range taken.

At **J&R Sports Center, Oakdale**, Phil reports one angler checked in several one to 1.5 pound trout taken in the tidal section of the Nissequogue River over the weekend. Anglers are also scoring well with trout at Bubbles Falls. This past week saw a good number of one to 1.5 pound fish reported and several in the twenty inch range were also taken. Most of the action with the larger fish is occuring during early morning hours. As there are still a lot of shorts being taken at this location, anglers should strongly consider using barbless hooks (or at least crushing down their barbs with a pair of pliers before baiting up). Note also that the DEC handed out several tickets this week to anglers who creeled sub-legal fish.

From Paul Graniello of **J&J Bait and Tackle, Patchogue**, we here that anglers are taking a few holdover trout in Swan Lake (East Lake) but for the most part, trout action has been subdued because the local lakes have yet to be stocked. Over in Southaven Park and Lower Yaphank Lake, anglers are taking a generous number of stockies. Mepps, Rooster Tails and bait all working well. Paul also mentioned that bass and pickerel are surprisingly active in Lace Mill Pond. Anglers fishing for these species, however, should remember that the seasons on both are still closed and all fish taken should be released. Also, as with the trout at Bubbles Falls, it's a good idea to crush down the barbs on your lures, especially when trebel hooks are involved. Doing so will facilitate the fish's release and

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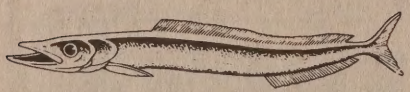

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At **Warren's Archery and Fishing Shop, Selden**, Richie called it a slow week but did have one report of an angler using worms to take several one to two pound trout in the tidal section of the Nissequogue River.

Paul Rippenger gave a call Saturday evening to say that he took a limit of trout at Southaven Park on opening day. Most of the fish were in the nine to twelve inch range but Paul's largest measured eighteen inches. On Saturday, Paul worked Bubbles Falls where anglers were scoring well with trout to sixteen inches. **Al Feathers Jigs**, Swedish Pimples, worms and Rooster Tails all accounted for fish.

Out on the east end, Mrs. Devlin of the **Fisherman's Deli, Riverhead**, reports bass beginning to feed in Laurel Lake. Paul Rubenstein fished there early last week, using jelly-worms to connect with five small largemouths. Also, Andy and Allen Malpagliati returned to the shop this week, taking a twenty-three inch pickerel and a two pound bass on Rebel Lures. These fish were taken in the Peconic River directly behind the shop.

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INTERIOR RECOMMENDS ADDITIONS TO THE NATION'S COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM

On March 23, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, William P. Horn released proposed recommendations for expansion of the Nation's Coastal Barrier Resources System. Horn invited public review and comment during a 90 day period prior to preparation of the Secretary of the Interior's final recommendations for submission to Congress.

Today's action responds to Congressional direction contained in the 1982 Coastal Barrier Resources Act. The Act established a 186 unit Coastal Barrier Resources System along 667 miles of Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico shoreline. It also required the Interior Department to study and recommend additions to, deletions from, or modifications to the system and to consider other alternatives to foster conservation of coastal resources.

The 1982 Act prohibits most new Federal expenditures and financial assistance for development within units included in the System. New Federal flood insurance, road and channel construction, and utility subsidies are examples of activities prohibited within the System. State, local and private financial assistance and expenditures are not affected by the Act.

Eighteen states along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts are fronted by nearly 400 coastal barriers. These coastal areas of shifting sand, shell and gravel range from small, isolated shoals to extensive chains of islands

stretching for hundreds of miles.

In announcing the recommendations, Horn said, "We number the coastal barriers, mangrove swamps and other wetlands included in these recommendations among the most important of this Nation's natural resource assets. They provide important spawning, nursery, and nesting habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife species of both commercial and recreational value. They also provide a buffer between mainland areas and the open sea.

"The instability of coastal barriers and their susceptibility to storm damage make development hazardous and too costly to subsidize and insure at the taxpayer's expense," Horn said. "For these reasons, the Interior Department is recommending some additions to the System, including associated aquatic habitats."

Coastal wetlands are the spawning and nursery areas for an estimated 90 percent of the fin and shellfish harvested each year in the U.S. The System's beaches offer nesting habitat for endangered sea turtles and numerous species of shorebirds. They also offer an exceptional variety of recreational opportunities.

Since the mid-1950s, however, about 400,000 acres of coastal wetlands have been lost, with the current annual loss estimated at 18,000 acres. Although comprising only 16 percent of the Nation's land area, the coastal zone contains approximately 62 percent of the Nation's population, according to the Census Bureau.

The draft recommendations announced resulted from studies by a Coastal Bariers Study Group created by the Secretary of the Interior in 1983 and staffed by professionals from the National Park Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey. This group worked closely with respresentatives from the various coastal states to assure their views were given full consideration.

Copies of the proposed recommendations announced are now available upon written request from the Coastal Barriers Study Group, National Park Service, (498), P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. Public comments are invited and should be addressed to the Coastal Barriers Study Group at the above address.

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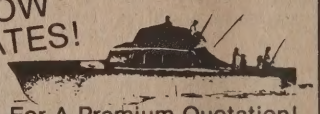

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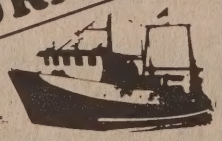

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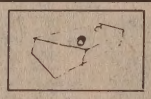

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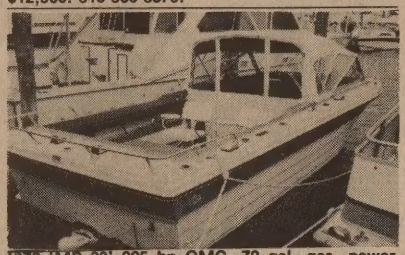

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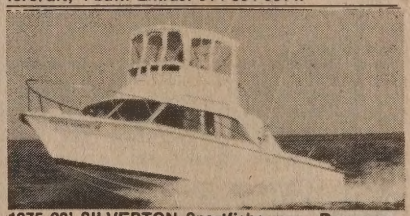

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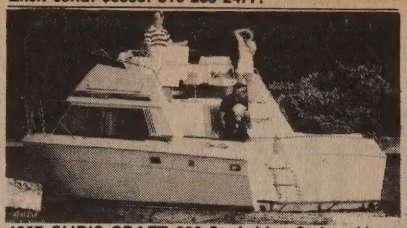

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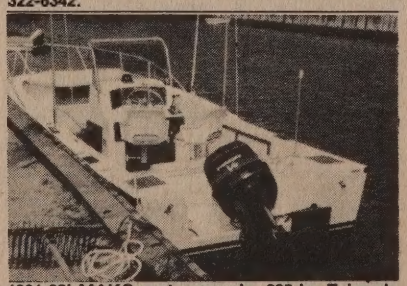

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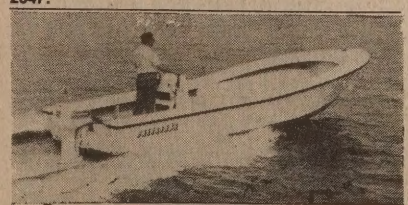

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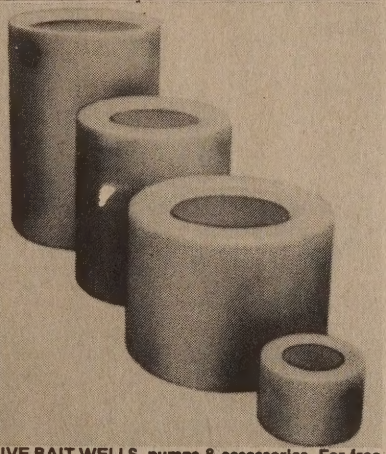

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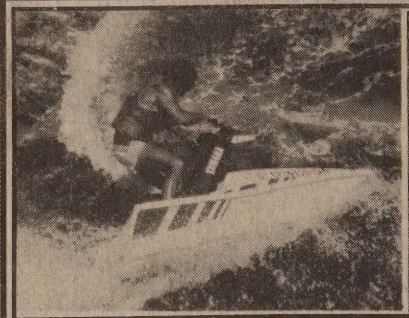

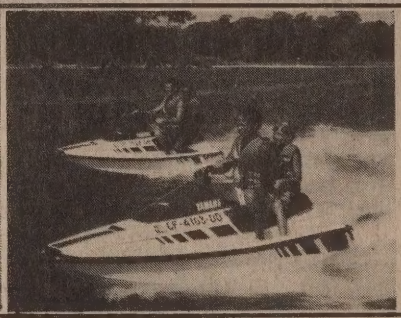

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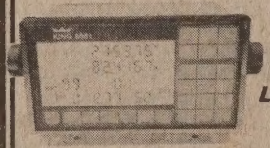

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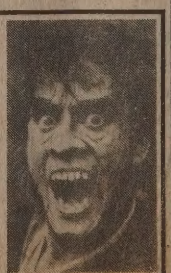
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